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MARKET TRADERS HAVE OWN IDEAS

by Louise Jew

STALLHOLDERS are unveiling alternative proposals for a multi-million pound revamp of Dudley's historic market place after objecting to some of the council's plans.

Planning applications have been lodged by Dudley Council for the regeneration scheme but traders are unhappy with some aspects of the proposals. They have now come up with new suggestions for the layout of the stalls, which are due to be upgraded. They also want a winding path taking visitors around the pitches. Two meetings will take place this month, the first on June 14, between traders and council officers in a bid to workout a way forward on the new suggestions. The market revamp is one of a number of regeneration schemes on the cards for the town centre. A toilet block standing in the high street will be demolished as part of the £6.7m market revamp to open up views of Dudley Castle to shoppers.

Under the initial plans the number of stalls was expected to be reduced from the current 74 pitches with space to be provided so temporary stalls could be brought in on busy days.

But traders will ask the council to consider moving the market down to use the cleared toilet block site, allowing the market to stay at its present size.

Plans to line the market place with trees has also been given a mixed reaction by traders, saying they would obscure stalls and reduce light around the pitches. They will also call for a rethink over a central walkway through the market by asking it to wind through some stalls which they say would bring greater footfall.

Demanded

Improved lighting and a single roof covering stalls will also be demanded by traders.

Dudley Market Traders' Association chairman Len Lenihan said: "Aesthetics over practicality is not what's needed. As it stands these plans would not be functional.

"We will present our counter proposals and ideas at the meeting and hope we can have some further discussions about this."

He added: "The council says they want the scheme to progress but they need to consult with us."

The council's cabinet last month approved £4.1m of funding for the project.

Councillors are now waiting on their bid for £2.6m to pay the remaining amount.

New Dudley Council regeneration boss, Councillor Judy Foster said site investigations would start this week which would take around six months to complete. This will establish the viability of the scheme.

It is hoped work will start at the start of next year. Under the proposals, the Earl of Dudley statue, in Castle Street, would also be enhanced under a new raised grass bank.

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Peer who served the borough dies at 86

Lord Gilbert served Dudley

A FORMER MP who represented Dudley borough for more than 30 years has died aged 86.

Lord John Gilbert contributed to the public debate at Westminster for nearly half a century.

He had represented the East Dudley ward from 1974 until 1997 before taking up a seat in the House of Lords.

The politician, who died on Sunday, was the borough's longest serving MP, was known for being a sharp critic of the practices of high street banks, attacking increases of charges and misleading advertising of interest rates.

He was Labour transport minister in the mid-1970s and championed the creation of the M25.

Born in April 1927, he was educated at Merchant Taylors' school, Hertfordshire. He later attended St John's College, Oxford.

He was originally chosen to succeed outgoing MP George Wigg in Dudley, but he lost the 1968 by-election to the Conservative Donald Williams before winning the seat in 1970. His constituency was abolished in 1974 and he served as MP for East Dudley from then until 1997.

He married, in 1963, Jean Olive Ross-Skinner.

He had two daughters with his first wife, Hilary Kenworthy, who he had married in 1950.

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Tributes to Frankie, 26

FRIENDS of a woman found dead in woodland in Sedgley were paying their respects to their "perfect, beautiful Frankie" at the spot she was discovered on Monday.

Frankie Warren

Frankie Warren was found near to where her car was abandoned on land off Hickmerelands Lane last Friday - after she went missing from her home in South Gloucestershire last Wednesday.

More than 100 people, including many from Sedgley, joined in the search for her after police tracked her silver Honda Civic to the town using number plate recognition cameras. Best friend Allie Strachan, aged 26, was travelling with several friends from Thornbury to the spot Frankie was found to pay their respects.

They also wanted to thank the dozens of people who joined in the search for the office worker.

She said: "We're devastated – many of us are just struggling to come to terms with the fact she has gone at the moment."

"We want to say "thank you" to the people of Sedgley, we were overwhelmed by the support which came in for the appeal.

"It puts your faith back in human kind."

She added: "As we sit together remembering our perfect beautiful Frankie we can't help but feel overwhelmed with the beautiful comments and support."

Baby you can arrive by car

Gemma Meek and Anthony Eccleston with baby Lexi who wasn't prepared to wait and was delivered by her mother in the family BMW outside Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley

ALTHOUGH mother Gemma Meek intended to have her baby in hospital In Dudley, her unborn daughter had other ideas, and she was born on the front passenger seat of the family car.

After her partner Anthony Eccleston parked up the couple's BMW outside the main entrance of Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, 23-year-old Gemma realised she could not wait any longer and her baby was well and truly on its way.

As Anthony rushed inside the hospital for help, Gemma sat screaming in agony in the car before giving birth to a baby girl in the front passenger seat of the car – in full view of dozens of people heading to and from the hospital.

"It all happened so quick," said Gemma, who is now back home in Walsall with baby Lexi.Anthony ran inside and I tried to keep the baby in, but she pushed and pushed.

"She then pushed three times before I literally caught her in my hands," said Gemma.

"I couldn't believe what had happened - then Anthony came running back and saw me inside with the baby."

Three workers from the hospital's cancer ward, who were passing the car on their break on Sunday, rushed to offer help and blankets to Gemma, before paramedics took her and her new-born to the maternity unit.

Lexi weighed in at 6lb 8oz and was two weeks premature, but following an overnight stay was allowed back with her mother to their home in Elm Bank Road on Monday. The couple are also parents to 20-month-old Kara. They opted for the birth of their second child at Russells Hall Hospital after Gemma had Kara there.

Luke gets ready to go home after trial

LUKE Walker is expected to fly home from Crete sometime this week and begin the fight to clear his name after being convicted of killing his girlfriend.

His father Patrick said the 10,000 euro – £8,522 – bail surety has now been secured and the family can return to Brierley Hill.

Luke was convicted in court of causing grievous bodily harm, leading to the death of his 20-year-old girlfriend Chelsea Hyndman on the Greek holiday island three years ago.

An eight-year prison sentence imposed by the court was suspended after he immediately lodged an appeal against conviction – on condition he raised the bail money within 10 days.

Patrick, aged 57, said since he and his wife Lindy had remortgaged their home, his mother Betty Walker had come to the rescue with funds to help them.

"My mum has posted the bail money for us from her life savings. It's great and we're hopeful that one day we can pay her back," he said.

Mr Walker, who runs Walker's Electrics in Brierley Hill, said it was now left to the family to meet with the banking and tax authorities in Crete.

He added: "I'm hoping to get it paid, which is not as easy as you might think."

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Severn Trent refuses bid

WEST Midlands water giant Severn Trent has turned down a new offer from the consortium seeking to buy the business, valuing it at £4.96 billion.

Severn Trent's board, led by chief executive Tony Wray, said the fresh offer still undervalued the company, which supplies water to 7.7 million people.

The LongRiver Partners consortium made an approach last month, which was spurned. The new offer comes after Severn Trent revealed soaring profits.

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Family selling home to pay legal fees

LUKE Walker's parents are putting their family house up for sale to help pay for mounting legal bills in their battle to prove he is innocent.

His father revealed their Brierley Hill home must go on the market.

Luke was convicted of causing grievous bodily harm, leading to the death three years ago of his 20-year-old girlfriend Chelsea Hyndman on the Greek island. An eight-year prison sentence imposed by the court was suspended when he immediately lodged an appeal against conviction – on condition that he raises 10,000 euros (£8,552) bail surety within 10 days. Until the bail money is posted he has to remain in Crete.

But he hopes to be able to come home some time this week after his 81-year-old grandmother, Betty Walker, pledged to donate as much as possible of the bail cash needed.

Patrick Walker and Luke's mother, 61-year-old Lindy, have already remortgaged their Brierley Hill home – but the 'for sale' sign will soon be up outside.

"We will rent somewhere in the area," said Mr Walker, aged 57, who runs Walker's Electrics.

"Selling our house will pay our debts off and the £15,000 to £20,000 will pay for this next trial.

"It will allow us to work without having to constantly pay off debts. I don't want to sell my house – but it's three years on and we have to keep going to prove Luke is innocent." The case has already cost the family around £300,000 in legal bills and travel expenses for themselves and court witnesses as they fight Luke's case.

"He's not guilty, I know in my heart he's not guilty, " said Mr Walker.

Gran will give all she has for fight

LUKE Walker's grandmother said she will do everything possible to help him clear his name after he was found guilty of his girlfriend Chelsea Hyndman's killing.

Grandmother Betty Walker, aged 81, had been kept up-to-date on his plight in Greece more than 1,600 miles away at her terraced home in Cradley Heath.

Mrs Walker broke down when the news came of his conviction late on May 29.

But she has vowed to help her grandson, even scraping together her own savings to help pay his 10,000 euros (£8,552) bail surety so that Luke is free to return to his Brierley Hill home.

Until the bail money is posted, he has to remain in Crete, and he will have to travel back to Greece next year when his appeal will be held.

Fighting back tears, Mrs Walker said: "I'd do anything for him, just to have Luke home with his family and friends who love him.

"I'm going to give him the money. It doesn't matter to me. He is my grandson, that's all that matters."

Photographs

Dozens of precious family photographs, including ones of Luke as a young child, adorn the walls of her neat home. Pictures of him grinning with his siblings and cousins and proudly sporting his school uniform are a constant reminder of happier times.

But even with her voice wavering, Mrs Walker says her courage has not been broken by the whirlwind developments in the Crete courtroom.

She says Luke's conviction has only strengthened her resolve to see justice is done for her grandson.

"I would never believe that he could do something like that, because he was devoted to Chelsea," said Mrs Walker.

"There has been a lot in the newspapers and on the television. I've been speaking to Patrick [Luke's father] just to find out what has been happening. It has been tough but even tougher for them out there.

"He is innocent, and he has got a loving family that is there for him and supports one another. We are all behind him."

The family have been staying in rented apartments near the court in the Cretan capital of Heraklion.

Convicted Luke hits out at his 'farce' of a trial

LUKE Walker has slammed his murder trial in Crete as a farce – as he spoke of his devastation at being convicted of killing his girlfriend. He said: "I've got nothing to be ashamed of."

The 25-year-old from Brierley Hill, who has always maintained his innocence, has vowed to clear his name. He had denied murder but was found guilty of grievous bodily harm, leading to the death of 20-year-old Chelsea Hyndman. He said the court case was a shambles, with judges laughing and one juror falling asleep.

"The fight to clear my name is not over," he added. Luke, who works with his father Patrick's electrical company, said he had been devastated by the verdict. "I'm lost for words," he said.

He had waited three years for his case to come to court but it took a jury 20 minutes to make a decision about the rest of Luke Walker's life.

Conclusion

Luke was convicted of killing girlfriend Chelsea Hyndman at the conclusion of the case, which ended in a 14-hour session lasting until 10.30pm.

Luke was initially charged with murdering Chelsea in the party town of Malia, Crete, where they lived together, but the allegation was downgraded to GBH leading to death.

The court sentenced him to eight years in jail but when he immediately lodged an appeal, the term was suspended to await a new hearing, which could take a year.

The trial heard that Chelsea, of Castleford, West Yorkshire, died after she was taken to hospital with abdominal pains. She died on May 17 2010 from acute peritonitis, having suffered deteriorating health for days. Greek prosecutors claim she was beaten by Luke. The defence team said the injuries must have been caused when she fell on a cobbled street.

Court had no evidence for decision says lawyer

THE lawyer of Luke Walker says the court heard no evidence to justify the decision to convict him.

Athens attorney Georgios Pyromallis is now preparing the appeal case – but he warned it could be a year before it is heard.

Speaking from Crete, Mr Pyromallis said: "The only explanation I can give is that the court reached a verdict based on what they believed – not what was proven.

"This was disappointing. Luke thinks it is unfair – but after all he was allowed to return home with a deposit of 10,000 euros.

"He is already free to return but must find the bail deposit within 10 days."

Mr Pyromallis explained the appeals court could acquit Walker completely – or reduce his sentence or convert some or all of it to a fine. The lawyer added: "I know how Greek courts decide and my beliefs were confirmed.

Mr Pyromallis said after the hearing: "Although we have a different procedure in Greece the standard for a fair trial is the same in Greece as in the UK. "And no I don't think this was fair."

Family hunt for internet 'troll'

Convicted Luke Walker with his dad Patrick Walker hunting down internet 'troll'

CONVICTED killer Luke Walker and his father are on the hunt for an 'internet troll' they suspect of writing 'fake' letters to a Greek court, helping to convince jurors to find him guilty.

West Midlands Police are likely to be asked to probe whether a 'troll' who plagued a Facebook site protesting Luke's innocence is the same person who wrote to the court in Crete. Luke and his father Patrick, from Brierley Hill, think that a 'Peter Rogers' and a woman identified only as 'Jessie' – alleged authors of documents produced in the trial – are the same person.

And, if they can prove the letters were forged or faked, they hope it will help to swing an appeal court to overturn the jury's verdict that 25-year-old Luke was guilty of grievous bodily harm, causing the death of his girlfriend Chelsea Hyndman, aged 20, in Crete three years ago.

Mr Walker, 57, who runs Walker's Electrics in Brierley Hill, said: "We've got an idea that both letters were from the same internet troll, who we think is a woman.

"She was trolling when the Facebook site was up and she started being aggressive. I can't remember what exactly she said – it was just malice, things about Luke and Chelsea."

Organisers of the site later removed the comments made by the troll – a term for a person who leaves malicious or inflammatory statements on websites.

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Police call for aid in drug war

POLICE have called on the community to help them in their war against drug dealers and admitted they need all the help they can get, as officers swooped on properties across the Black Country.

Five suspected drug smugglers were being quizzed following raids in the region. Houses and businesses in Walsall, Wolverhampton and West Bromwich were searched and cash and drugs were seized recently.

The raids were part of an investigation into the trafficking of drugs into the West Midlands and it is linked to the conviction of a West Bromwich woman Akeema Jones, formerly of Thynne Street, West Bromwich, last year after she was found with three kilograms of cocaine hidden in food packages, bound for the UK.

Detective Chief Inspector Simon Wallis, from the force's Gangs Task Force, said: "To succeed in the fight against drugs the police need all the help they can get. I urge people to come forward and report people they suspect to be involved in supply of drugs and those they suspect to be living beyond their means."

Benefits of bistro plan

PROPOSALS to transform an historic former fire station in Dudley into a bistro and bar will bring benefits to the town centre, according to a leading councillor.

Entrepreneurs Shakeel Zafar, aged 39, and Craig Willis, 40, are getting ready to take over the empty building in Priory Street.

The building, which was also previously Carvers Cafe before it closed in the 1990s, will be restored under the proposals.

Councillor Judy Foster, said the plans could be a good step forward to revamp Dudley.

Pets raise cash

MORE than £200 was raised for two animal charities at a microchipping event in Halesowen.

It was organised by Dudley Council and the RSPCA at Huntingtree Park where more than 40 dogs and cats were microchipped. For more information on microchipping call the RSPCA on 01299 861804.

Hundreds more force officers to go in cuts

HUNDREDS more police officers and support staff will lose their jobs over the next six years as the West Midlands force faces an extra £100 million cuts, the chief constable said.

Chris Sims said the public should not be alarmed by the scale of the cuts, which come on top of the loss of 2,200 officers and staff from its 13,500 workforce already.

Private consultants will be brought in to help bosses plan for the future to ensure the force is adequately staffed.

They are already having to save £126m by 2015 due to a squeeze in Government funding, and Mr Sims said another £100m of savings would be needed by 2019.

"This would be very challenging and would mean hundreds more police and staff jobs having to go, but there is no cause for alarm among the general public," he said.

"That is not a worst case scenario. It is a reasonable guesstimate."

He is confident that recruitment – stopped four years ago – will resume within the next four years although there will still be an overall reduction in staffing levels.

He is also sure that despite fewer officers, crime, which has plunged by 20 per cent in two years, will continue to drop.

"We have already had a cut of £100m and, despite that, crime has fallen and service has improved," he said.

"Four years ago, people would have said a £100m cut was impossible but we have proved that not to be the case.

"Providing we can keep innovating, we can keep giving the public the reassurance they want. Part of that innovation has to be the way we work with the private sector." Plans to allow private firms to run some of its core services – including street patrols, guarding crime scenes and collecting CCTV footage – were scrapped earlier this year.

But the chief constable revealed: "We are about to go out to procurement again with a slightly different solution.

"We want to get a private sector partner to help us to find new ways of working. They would help us to bring in the technology and system changes that we would need to deliver them."

Objections over plans for £1m footballing complex

OBJECTIONS have been lodged against plans for a £1 million football complex which will be the next phase of Dudley College's town centre learning quarter.

An all-weather flood-lit pitch and a challenge course is planned which will be open to students, schools and the community. But some neighbours of the proposed site for the development, off Priory Road, fear their peace and quiet will be disturbed.

by Heather Large

They have written to Dudley Council to voice their concerns, claiming it will lead to an increase in noise and light nuisance while night matches are being played.

The college plans to have a 9.30pm curfew in place for the pitch during the week and a 5pm curfew at weekends

Residents have submitted around a dozen letters of objection to planners.

Marilyn Crowther, of Priory Close, said: "This project is an overwhelmingly large development for such a quiet residential enclave as Priory Close where I live.

"It threatens to destroy the calm and tranquillity of the area as noise and light levels cannot be controlled sufficiently and is ongoing during the week and at weekends."

Dr Minal Patel, of Priory Road, said: "The football pitch curfew of 9.30pm during weekdays and 5pm during the weekends is considerably later than normal working hours and is unacceptable given that the area is largely residential."

But the scheme has received the backing of Sport England, which said there was 'a local need for this type of football provision'. Dudley College principal Lowell Williams said: "We are disappointed to have received a few objections regarding the redevelopment of the football ground.

"The scheme is designed to a high standard to ensure minimum disruption and careful consideration has been given to reducing the impact on the surrounding area.

The facility will be created on playing fields next to Castle High, funded by the college and through grants.

A decision will be made by Dudley Council within weeks.

Fight starts to save pub

CAMPAIGNERS have vowed to fight plans to convert a popular Halesowen pub into a convenience store amid fears it will cause traffic problems and threaten existing businesses. Petitions against the proposals for the The Swan in Long Lane have been distributed throughout the town.

Hundreds have already joined the campaign, calling for the pub, owned by Punch Taverns, to be preserved. But the chain has said the site is no longer viable. The company has submitted a planning application to replace the pub with a store.

Straits Primary School pupil Bradley James, with practice development sister Emma Thoms, left, and fundraiser Jodie McGarry after he won a contest to design a cake to mark the 15th anniversary of the Georgina Unit at Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley

Bradley's message is a piece of cake

IT was a message of hope for the future that touched the hearts of cancer patients at Russells Hall Hospital and won a school boy a prize for his design.

Bradley James, aged seven, entered a competition to design a birthday cake for the Dudley hospital's Georgina Unit as it celebrates its 15th anniversary.

Emma Thoms, practice development sister at the unit, said Bradley, of Straits Primary School in Sedgley, beat more than 120 entries to win the competition.

The 32-year-old, who will share her 33rd birthday with the Georgina Unit on June 8, said: "We shortlisted four of the entries and put them up in the chemotherapy patients' waiting area and they voted on them.

"The winning one by Bradley was of a rainbow and in the centre it said: 'for a bright tomorrow'. It was a lovely message and I think that's what the patients liked." Local primary schools were sent invitations to enter the competition and entries came from three: The Straits, Foxyards Primary School, Tipton and Cotwall End Primary, Dudley.

NEWS in brief

Cash boost for museum work

THE Black Country Living Museum has had £500 donted to its learning programme.

Phil Pemble gave the money to the museum on behalf of Pertemps People Development Group, saying the museum was vital in preserving the region's heritage.

Mr Pemble said: "Everyone is fascinated to learn all about the past, in particular how people made a living and how their personal contributions led to the immense success of the Black Country."

Virgin to create 3,300 extra seats

MORE than 3,300 extra seats a day are to made available on trains between the West Midlands and Scotland.

An overhaul of Virgin Trains' timetable in December will provide a direct link between Sandwell and Dudley and Scotland. It will also deliver the first direct trains from Scotland to Birmingham Airport in six years.

Twenty-four of the 28 Scottish services that start or terminate in Birmingham will be extended to London Euston.

Air ambulance volunteer plea

New volunteers are needed to help raise money for the Midlands Air Ambulance.

The service has 80 volunteers, but with dozens of fundraising events, talks and cheque presentations each week, the fundraising team is looking for more supporters.

Contact the charity's volunteer co-ordinator, Alison Hill on 0800 840 2040.

Call for students to donate goods

UNIVERSITIES across the West Midlands have teamed up with British Heart Foundation shops to launch a scheme to get students donating unwanted items.

For more information call Catherine Argyle on 07775 027325 or email argylec@bhf.org.uk. To find foundation shops visit bhf.org.uk/shops or call 0844 412 5000.

Rubbish blaze

RUBBISH was set alight in an arson attack on a disused factory building in Stourbridge. Firefighters were called to the former Cox Hire site, in Birmingham Street, on May 29.

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IT'S hard to define that old expression about somebody's face being a picture. But on Springwatch (BBC2), as Chris Packham described the curious mating habits of slugs, which sometimes involve biting off their own sex organs, Michaela Strachan's face, frozen somewhere between horror and hysteria, was an absolute picture.

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"THE last time I see genuine equality was around 3,500 years ago in the Bronze Age." Gorgeous, pouting TV historian Bettany Hughes complaining that she is judged on her looks, not her skills.

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I REFERRED recently to the horrors of camping. A reader recalls camping with an old chap who coped with the problem of an over-active bladder by means of a plastic funnel attached to a length of rubber tubing outside the tent. His pals tied a knot in the end of it, which apparently caused much cursing in what are sometimes called the wee small hours.

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THE trouble with May was that it has been too cold, too hot, too calm, too blowy, too dry and too wet. I have a German friend who said he never understood why the Brits spent so much time talking about the weather – until he moved here.

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I SUGGESTED recently that the BBC should be funded from taxation instead of extracting its money by means of a vicious, clapped-out licence system. A reader asks: "What about people who don't watch the BBC?" Simple. Under my scheme, people who claim not to watch the BBC and therefore qualify for a tax break are invited to fill out the exemption form Gov23/3343/43/55444/Eng/Wales (2011-2014), omitting section 642 (vvi) (b) and subsections ii,iii,iv,xxi and xxxiv, plus the first 27 amendments in schedule XXV (excluding all sub-sections following the appeals procedure for Welsh-speaking Somalis). This exemption form, available on the first Friday after Michaelmas at your nearest harbour office, has to be completed in green ink and must be submitted no later than yesterday.

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THE Highland landscape cries out for a Barbour, green wellies and sturdy tartan socks. Yet in a dazzling photograph to mark the 60th anniversary of her coronation, Her Majesty poses in the tussocky turf of the Balmoral Estate wearing full formal dress including the sovereign's green velvet mantle and the Vladimir Tiara. The loyal monarchist within me rejoices at such a fine image. But I am ever so slightly reminded of those pictures of elderly ladies in nightdresses, striding among startled shoppers in the high street, to highlight the perils of dementia. The time to worry will be when HM opens Parliament in her wellies.

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"CRIME runs in families in the same way that being a doctor, teacher or lawyer does." So says Alan Goldsack QC, calling for babies of criminal families to be removed to better homes to save them from a life of crime. It would be a fascinating social experiment. But what if the kids, transplanted to decent, respectable homes, still drifted into crime? We might then have to accept that it's nature, not nurture, and that criminality is passed down families like blue eyes or ginger hair. I once interviewed an old copper who genuinely believed crime was in the genes.

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"PUT that ruddy light out!" As long as we hear those much-repeated words echoing around Warmington-on-Sea then Bill Pertwee, who played Warden Hodges in Dad's Army and died last week, will still be with us. His light may be out but the memories go on.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

£450,000 project to replace pipes

A £450,000 project to replace ageing water mains in part of Halesowen will swing into action at the end of the month, leading to road closures later in the summer.

South Staffs Water has apologised to residents in the Beecher Road area of Cradley for the likely disruption during the work, set to start on June 24. It says the scheme will reduce the risk of bursts and interruption of water supplies for more than 750 households in the Beecher Road area of Cradley. Traffic lights will be used on Colman Hill, off Drews Holloway, for two weeks from August 7. Tanhouse Lane and part of Chapel House Lane will be closed for three weeks from August 26 as the work progresses.

Wedding photographer John Cartwright, who lives in Tanhouse Lane, where he also runs his business, said: "We welcome the work, which obviously needs to be done to protect our future water supplies.

"We'll live with the disruption for a while, although it shouldn't cause any problems for my business."

The scheme will see cast iron mains, some of which are 80 years old, being replaced and the work is expected to last until the end of October. People affected by the first phase of the work will soon receive more details from South Staffs Water and those on the Beecher Road housing estate will get further information before the second phase begins.

Much of the work has been timed to take place during the school holidays to keep disruption to a minimum. Rachel Barber, South Staffs Water's customer services director said: "We apologise to residents and motorists for the disruption this is likely to cause."

Pair used their home as a fake goods shop

A COUPLE turned their home into a shop selling thousands of pounds of counterfeit clothes, jewellery and cosmetics, a court heard.

Wayne Hinton, aged 40, and Samantha Blizzard, 34, filled their three-bedroom house in Halesowen with £75,000 of fake designer items, and then sold them in a makeshift display room. The pair, who run Mollies Baguette Bar in Oldbury, were caught by trading standards officers after returning from a restocking shopping trip.

by Alex Ross

Among the 738 counterfeit items seized at the house in Astley Crescent were fake Adidas tracksuits, Superdry jackets, UGG and Hunter boots, Pandora bracelets, Monster headphones and GHD hair straighteners.

The pair appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court for sentencing after each pleaded guilty to 15 charges of possession of goods with false trademarks for sale or hire and 15 charges of offering and exposing for sale goods bearing a false trademark.

Mr Mark Jackson, prosecuting, said the couple were first drawn to the attention of Dudley Council's trading standards following complaints in July 2011.

After receiving intelligence the couple were to refill their stock on December 1 of the same year, a team of officers swooped on their address. They also found £1,410 in cash and notebooks listing customers.

Mr Jackson said: "A middle room of the property had been set up as a mini-shop – goods were being displayed around the room on shelves and table tops."

Miss Geraldine Toal, defending Hinton, told how the couple had faced financial pressure after taking over the baguette bar.

Mr Andrew Berry, defending Blizzard, said: "They were trying to make what money they could from the items.

"Clearly they accept there was some profit made, but it was at a low level."

Judge Robin Onions said the pair both deserved immediate prison sentences, but because of the potential suffering for their three children and business he gave them each a 16-month prison sentence, suspended for two years.

The pair were also told to each do 250 hours' unpaid work. They could face financial punishment when they appear for a hearing under the Proceeds of Crime Act later this year.

Barrie's big day trip for charity

Barrie Williams, of Park Road West, Wollaston, near Stourbridge, who will be doing a 360 mile drive in one day for charity in his Hillman Aero Minx

A CLASSIC car enthusiast will fire up his 1934 Hillman Aero Minx to complete a 360-mile charity challenge in a day.

Barrie Williams will set off on his epic journey on June 12 or 13 starting in Penkridge before travelling to Liverpool and Grimsby then back to the starting point.

The 73-year-old retired teacher will be joined by his friend Robin Gray, aged 69, of Penkridge, who will be sharing the driving duties. Mr Williams, of Wollaston, Stourbridge first hit on the idea after hearing a motorcyclist had completed a coast-to-coast challenge and raised thousands for charity.

Cash from the event will be donated to the Leukaemia Unit Appeal which supports the Georgina Unit at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital. A donation will also be made to the Crossroads Care charity, which helps to support carers and provide help for people who need it.

Mr Williams is a member of the Baden-Powell Guild's Stourbridge branch and Crossroads Care is the group's chosen charity this year.

He wanted to raise money for Russells Hall after being treated for appendicitis at the hospital two years ago.

His mother Florence Williams and sister Valerie Smith died of cancer which he is why he decided to donate the cash to the Georgina Unit. People can donate to the challenge at http://leukaemia-appeal-fund.webs.com

Jaguar is roaring along

Jaguar Land Rover has unveiled another set of bumper sales figures as it promised to spend billions on new developments and models.

But there was a surprise drop in profits, believed to be due to the amount the company is spending on new projects. Among its current ventures is building a £500 million engine plant on the i54 site, in Wolverhampton.

Demand is soaring in China, Brazil and the US for its luxury saloons and 4x4s, and parent company Tata Motors said JLR's sales were up 17 per cent in the last 12 months, to £15.8 billion.

MP calls for fairer deal over force cash

A DUDLEY MP has written to a government finance chief demanding a fairer deal for cash-strapped police in the region.

Further government cuts to the West Midlands Police budget are feared with the limit expected to be slashed again by 2015.

Proposals outlined by Chief Secretary to the Treasury Danny Alexander suggest a further 10 per cent cut to departmental budgets from 2015 will be enforced to help reduce Britain's debt.

It is expected that by 2015, the force will have lost about 2,500 police officer and staff positions because of government cuts, forcing savings of up to £126 million.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin has joined Police Commissioner Bob Jones to demand the West Midlands gets a fair funding deal.

Mr Austin has written to Mr Alexander to urge him to reconsider the proposal and has tabled a series of Parliamentary questions.

"West Midlands Police has already had £126million taken out of its budget and we've seen police stations closed and officers with 30 years experience retired."

£175,000 for ex-framers

A FORMER picture framing shop in West Bromwich town centre has been sold for £175,000.

Smiths Gallery in High Street, which closed at the end of last year with the loss of four jobs after 52 years in business, has been bought by a local investor who intends to restore the double unit to its original state of two separate retail outlets.

The buyer plans to convert the upper parts to residential use.

Smiths Gallery owners Patricia and David Cooke had said it was no longer viable to keep the store running due to dwindling trade.

Cycle challenge

PEOPLE are being urged to get on their bikes for a hospice which helped a family from Kingswinford. The Severn Valley Cycle Challenge is taking place in Bridgnorth on August 18 to raise money for Acorns Children's Hospice.To find out more call 0844 984 0405.

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Boss vows firm to rise from ashes

A FACTORY in Stourport left a burned-out shell by a severe fire will be 'back on its feet' as soon as possible, its managing director has vowed.

More than 70 firefighters were called to tackle the blaze at Pelican Foods, on Sandy Lane Industrial Estate, as 60 tons of waste cooking oil and 500 tons of Kerosene went up in flames.

Firm boss Keith Coldrick said they were still picking up the pieces following the fire at the cooking oil recycling factory last week. But he vowed the business, in Barracks Road, would be back on its feet as soon as possible.

"I received a call at around 10.45pm to say the factory was on fire. I couldn't believe what I was hearing. It was a total shock," he said.

"The fire was a very serious one, and it has totally gutted the building. The past couple of days have involved meeting with insurers so we can get up and running again. We will get the company back on its feet. We want to be back in business." Mr Coldrick, who also owns 20 per cent of the firm, which has been running for two-and-half years, said its 10 staff had been helping out.

Centre flies Green Flag

AN environment zone in Dudley has become the first centre of its kind in the West Midlands to receive a top award.

The centre, at Roberts Primary School, Lower Gornal, has received a Green Flag following a visit by assessors from Keep Britain Tidy.

It honours centres which work towards helping the environment by monitoring its use of energy and proving it is sustainable, clean and well-maintained.

The Environment Zone has been enjoying a double celebration after it also successfully renewed its Quality Badge from the Learning Outside the Classroom scheme.

Music for free

FREE summer concerts are being staged around Dudley borough until September. The next shows are at Quarry Bank Park which will host Black Country Brass on June 16 and the Black Country Ukulele Players on August 11.

New mayor to focus on getting young work

Dudley mayor Alan Finch

DUDLEY'S new mayor has pledged to focus on getting young people into work and supporting small businesses during his year as the borough's first citizen.

Councillor Alan Finch recently took over the position from Councillor Melvyn Mottram after serving as deputy mayor last year.

The 60-year-old, who represents the Castle and Priory ward on Dudley Council, said: "What I want to look at during my time as mayor is ways of getting younger people into employment and promoting ways of doing that. There has been a rise in the number of apprenticeships in recent times and I want to make sure there are jobs waiting for younger people at the end of it.

"I also want to support smaller businesses in the borough in any way I can. That is what my term will be geared towards promoting jobs and the economy in Dudley.

"There are a lot of very experienced and skilled people in the borough and it is vital we create opportunities for them."

Councillor Finch said he was 'very honoured' to be mayor of Dudley – a position which has also been held by his older brother Councillor Ken Finch.

He has already carried out his first mayoral visits.

"I served my own apprenticeship in this role when I was deputy mayor last year and I am really looking forward to meeting even more people in the community now I am mayor," he said.

"As an ambassador for the council I want to work more closely with people in the community and support them in any way I can. I also want to raise as much money as I can for my chosen charities."

Councillor Finch will be supporting Dudley's White House charity, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and Cancer Support over the coming year.

His wife, Heather, will be mayoress during his time in office.

Councillor Margaret Aston, is Deputy Mayor for the year ahead and her son, Councillor Adam Aston, is her consort.

Plans for £6.7m revamp of town's market gather pace

A £6.7 MILLION long-awaited revamp of Dudley's historic market place has moved a step forward after plans to move the Duncan Edwards statue and knock down an ageing town centre toilet block were lodged.

Four planning applications for the project were submitted for approval by Dudley Council today, but chiefs are dependent on a bid for £2.6m from the European Regional Development Fund before work can start. The proposals developed in consultation with market traders, feature a newly-designed square with improved paving and lighting.

They include the repositioning of the Duncan Edwards statue to the other side of the market, on the New Street end.

It would replace an ageing toilet block and be enhanced on a raised stepped plinth.

A new public toilet would be opened at the former Walmsley's furniture store in Castle Street.

The council says the knocking down of the toilet would open up views to and from the market place.

Enhanced

It is hoped work will start at the beginning of next year. Under the proposals, the Earl of Dudley statue, in Castle Street, would also be enhanced under a new raised grass bank.

The iconic bronze Green Man sculpture above the archway to Green Man Entry, off Castle Street, would be replaced and lighting installed to the first floor level of River Island to illuminate the town centre's architecture.

The council's cabinet last month approved £4.1m of funding for the project. Councillors are now waiting on their bid for £2.6m to pay the remaining amount.

Councillor Judy Foster, said: "I am thrilled we are continuing to move forward with our exciting plans to redevelop Dudley's historic market place and give prominence to our special features in the town centre.

"The planning applications allow us take the next steps in carrying out site investigations."

Traders welcomed the regeneration scheme but called for further talks to finalise the designs for the stalls.

An architect's impression of how the market in Dudley could look after the revamp

The Duncan Edwards statue

The enhanced Edwards statue

Shoplifter racked up 140 crimes

A PROLIFIC shoplifter, who has 140 convictions has been given a suspended jail sentence after targeting two shops.

Stuart Round, aged 24, also breached an anti-social behaviour order banning him from entering Dudley town centre.

Round, who has just finished a 14-week prison sentence for two separate thefts, appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court last week after pleading guilty to theft, burglary, a breach of the anti-social behaviour order and failure to surrender.

Miss Sarah Allen, prosecuting, said Round, of Wolverhampton Street, Dudley, stole jeans worth £40 from River Island in High Street, Dudley, on February 8.

By entering the store he also breached the three-year anti-social behaviour order, which was introduced because of his record of shoplifting and is set to expire on July 23.

On the same day, Round broke into the staff rooms of Spar, in Abbey Road, Lower Gornal, where he got away with £2,923 of cigarettes and £61 cash. He was identified on CCTV at both stores. Miss Wendy Miller, defending, said Round was now receiving help for an addiction.

She said: "He did not have much of a start in life, he has been in and out of custody all of his life, he is only 24."

Mr Recorder Geoffrey Kelly gave Round a 12-month prison sentence, suspended for two years, a three-month night curfew, a two-year supervision order and he must carry out 200 hours of unpaid work.

Fathers on track

A GIANT Scalextric track will be among the attractions at Cadbury World over the Father's Day weekend. Dads will be able to test their miniature motor racing skills on June 15 and 16 on the slot-car track with sweet prizes for the fastest.

NEWS in brief

Poster gets to the bones of artwork

CHILDREN who visit the emergency department at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital can enjoy a life size skeleton poster, thanks to an artistic schoolgirl.

Holly Savage, a pupil at St Benedict Biscop CE Primary School in Wombourne, decided to donate the piece of art after she made it for a homework project.

The skeleton, also called Holly, is made from bits and pieces of household objects such as paper plates, a duster, pop-poms, and a bath sponge.

Roadworks will last for two years

TWO years of roadworks as part of a £5 million revamp of Wolverhampton city centre aimed at making it more pedestrian friendly will begin this summer, council bosses have announced.

Wolverhampton City Council is making some roads one-way and will pedestrianise areas including Princess Street. But the plan will ban traffic from turning left from Cleveland Street into Garrick Street.

£150, 000 up for grabs in contest

FRONTLINE care staff can gain up to £150,000 funding as part of a new initiative to reform the way people with dementia are cared for.

In a bid to simplify dementia care provision, the NHS has launched a national competition for ideas from staff and volunteers. The NHS Innovation Challenge Prize for Dementia aims to redesign services.

Guitar group hits £1,200 right notes

A GUITAR group near Halesowen pulled some strings to raise more than £1,200 at a recent concert, for the Multiple Sclerosis Trust.

Frankley Guitar Club's effort was inspired by MS sufferer Jane Dunham, aged 56, of Wolverley, near Kidderminster, who is the sister-in-law of club member Phil Beasley.

Open day date

THE University of Wolverhampton will hold an open day next week. Potential students who go along on June 15 between 10am to 3pm will be able to tour the campuses and meet staff.

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IN MY VIEW WITH MARK ANDREWS

SO, after the coldest spring in 51 years, the sunshine has finally put in an appearance.

And where better to spend a sunny Saturday than with a trip to the public refuse tip?

For somewhere you go to dump your rubbish, the tip is a surprisingly image-conscious environment, and one of the last bastions of unadulterated, old-fashioned machismo.

First of all, there has been a raging debate about what one actually calls such attractions.

The moment you roll up at one of these places, there is an acute sensation that everybody is running the rule over you: what you are wearing, what you are driving, and what it is that you have brought to the party. Here, the seasoned pros can spot the bank-holiday DIY-er from a thousand paces.

It helps, of course, if you have the right wheels.

A huge black pick-up truck, preferably with gleaming chrome and garish go-faster stripes is just the job. But if you don't have such a vehicle to hand, and haven't yet bought sufficiently into the Civic Amenities lifestyle to justify the purchase, there are other ways of pulling off the right look.

An A-Team style van is probably trying a touch too hard, but any big 4x4 is good, ideally coated with a liberal spraying of mud.

Rugged

Think well-used Mitsubishi Shogun, Land Rover Discovery and you won't go far wrong, or maybe a large Lexus or BMW X5 if you want to create an air of rugged affluence. But turn up in a Barbie-pink Suzuki and you're just asking to be laughed at.

And, from personal experience, lifting your rubbish from the back seat of a soft-top will result in stares of withering contempt.

It goes without saying that a high visibility vest is de rigueur if you're to blend in, but don't ever wear a shirt underneath it – it will only hide your tan.

Okay, a T-shirt is just about acceptable in winter, but only when it falls below freezing.

And while most waste reception sites do not actually allow builders to dump their commercial waste, a hard hat will boost your cred no end.

And how will you know if you've got it right?

Well there is one simple test. If a member of staff approaches you to check whether you know where to dump your mattress, you've still got plenty to learn.

People checking out the variety of well-stocked stalls

Steve Fenemore who stocks military memorabilia says trade is growing

Marty Street benefited from incentive scheme with his Cartoon Workshop

Adrian Davies sells clothing and his own sculptures

Allsorts of appeal to antiques hunters

As many traders are struggling those in the Antiques Avenue are reporting brisk business as **WILL ACKERMANN** reports

MANY of Wolverhampton's market traders may be struggling along with independent business owners nationwide, but one group appears to be bucking the trend.

Shopkeepers in the indoor market's antiques aisle, called Antiques Avenue, say they are riding the crest of a demand for trendy vintage products.

The row of about a dozen shops is a treasure trove of quirky items you won't find in conventional stores – from hand-made alien sculptures to wartime memorabilia.

Danny's Allsorts, for example, opened in the Salop Street venue 20 years ago. Its name goes some way towards explaining the eclectic variety of goods inside.

Community

And owner Danny Lyner-Jones, aged 54, believes the market remains at the heart of the city all these years on.

He says: "Without markets like ours every city in England would look identical. That's why we attract people from all over the world and all walks of life. The market is all about community, and this market is the heart of ours."

But recently two long-running stalls in the indoor market were forced to close because of dwindling footfall and increasing rents.

The demise of biscuit and cake seller J Phillips and confectionary store Treats N Sweets is a cause for concern even among some of the relatively well-off vintage traders.

Steve Fenemore, who opened military memorabilia and antiques stall Blackfish in February last year, says his trade is growing but admits everything is not all roses.

Although he has not been there long, the 49-year-old from Walsall can see that footfall is not what it should be.

Danny Lyner-Jones has an eclectic variety of goods on offer

He says: "There's a definite trend for vintage at the moment, 1970s kitsch stuff in particular. I stock some really weird and unusual stuff and I find that sells really well.

"Don't get me wrong, there are bad times. It's like that in business in general. Everyone has bad weeks. I have more good ones than bad though.

"I love the market, but what's wrong with it is the that some traders seem to think they've got this God-given right that people should come in and buy off them. It doesn't work that way. You have to move with the times."

Despite his relative success, Mr Fenemore hopes to move out of the market soon and open a shop in the city centre.

The former security guard, whose father ran an antiques shop in Walsall, says: "It's just a natural progression.

"I do love it here. I certainly won't be leaving because the market's rubbish.

"But the thing that hinders us is when you come out of the Mander Centre all the buildings are derelict. It loses us a certain amount of trade but it's not the total cause. There are a lot of different factors."

Chief among those raised by many, from both Antiques Avenue and elsewhere in the market, is that new traders setting up shop are given their first three months rent-free. Furthermore, many of the traders say some are abusing the system by leaving the market after that period ends and returning soon after to claim another free term.

But portrait painter Marty Street, who benefited from the scheme when he launched Cartoon Workshop, says it is a worthwhile incentive, provided people don't misuse it. And while he admits trade could be better, he says he is behind the market for the long-haul.

Mr Street, aged 50, of Walsall, says: "We are not doing badly and we are all happy to stay here as long as the market is around for.

"We are pretty proud of all this and if they ever move us they can move us all together. I think it's an original mixture of stores and the Antiques Aisle is doing better than most. Vintage is right on trend because there's people my age going through a second childhood."

Escapism

Adrian Davies, who opened Hydrophinium in February, selling his own sculptures and clothing among other quirky items, believes the trend is down to a fundamental shift in society.

"I think what's happened is the way society's changing people are beginning to reject the mainstream and they find variety in vintage," says Mr Davies, aged, 47, of Whittaker Street, Parkfields.

"It's escapism really. People find nostalgia in it. I've been coming to this market since the 1980s and I've seen many changes," he adds. "It's quieter now than it was then. People have to watch their pennies more nowadays.

"You also tend to find the antiques section has kind of lost a bit of support since it moved upstairs about four years ago.

"I found trade a bit slow here to begin with, but I think when the sun comes out a lot of people are more willing to come here.

"I'm not turning a profit yet, but for the amount of time I've been here I'm not doing too badly."

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

A WOLVERHAMPTON schoolboy was celebrating after being called up to play chess for England. Ten-year-old Dean Whitehouse, a member of Bushbury Chess Club, was one of 40 children picked to represent his country in a challenge match against Scotland.

THE Black Country became a tourist trap as coach loads of visitors took a close look at the history of the area. For a £65 fee tourists from all over the UK spent a weekend enjoying a series of excursions aimed at promoting the region's heritage.

PASSENGERS were taken back in time on an historic bus journey between Dudley and Stafford. The 1969 Daimler Fleetline travelled a long-discontinued route through Tipton, Walsall and Cannock, stopping at all of the original bus stops along the way.

1993...

A KINGSWINFORD bakery cooked up a gigantic bloomer to mark National Bread Week. The Wheatmill Bakery, in Lapwood Avenue, invited customers to guess the weight of the lavish loaf to raise money for charity.

TWO golfers from Cannock were recovering in hospital after being struck by lightning as they sheltered from storms. Don Spring was hurled through the air and Stephen Lloyd temporarily paralysed during the freak accident at Druids Heath golf course in Aldridge.

DRIVING instructors all over the West Midlands were backing the Express & Star's campaign to give P-plates to all newly qualified drivers. The newspaper printed more than 8,000 green and white P-plates in an effort to increase road safety awareness.

2003...

THE tireless community work of a good samaritan earned her a top title within the Wolverhampton voluntary sector. Thelma Fish, aged 74, was named Volunteer of the Year after 38 years of dedicated service within the Portobello community.

HOLLYWOOD superstar Jeff Goldblum visited the Showcase Cinema at the Castlegate leisure complex in Dudley to preview his latest film, Igby Goes Down. The actor flashed a mischievous smile as he asked onlookers: "Is that a real McDonald's?"

THE Bishop of Wolverhampton attempted to learn about some of the difficulties faced by blind people by walking around the city centre blindfolded. The event was organised by bosses from the Beacon Centre for the Blind to encourage more people to raise funds for the charity.

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LETTERS

Call to fight closure of The Public

I'VE been involved in the arts and youth work most of my life, starting at Black Patch Park in Smethwick in 1978, and seen the positive effect both have on young people's lives.

As Goldie's manager in the 1980s, I could not have advanced his career without the help of facilities such as Midlands Arts Centre and Wolverhampton Art Gallery, both of which opened their doors to creative work with youngsters from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Having battled for so long, since the days of Jubilee Arts, for the Borough to have decent arts facilities, why must Sandwell people have them snatched away? With youth work almost non-existent now in inner city communities, where can young people go to express themselves in a positive way?

£1.5 million sounds a lot but in local authority terms it's a small sum to keep the building going for the benefit of the large numbers who have made very good use of it till now.

The other issue is that losing an arts centre from the huge retail development going on around it is shooting oneself in the foot once all the hard work in getting the place established has been done. What is there to distinguish West Bromwich from any other shopping centre otherwise?

I've had a portraits exhibition and a full show at The Public in the past six months and received a huge amount of help and support.

The building is a wonder, inside and out, the staff and management are great, so don't listen to the booers who would rob the town of its prize possession. If it goes, what else is there of any national note in the Borough, apart from the Albion? So fight the closure now or regret it for years to come!

MARTIN JONES,
Sedgley

Adler car is something of mystery from past

I WAS most interested in Alex Ross's report on Adler cars.

Although I have no knowledge of the Adler featured, I do have a scant knowledge of another.

I was employed as a car salesman at Station Street, Garage Bilston, long since demolished. Salesman, well you cleaned cars, changed wheels etc. during the day, changing into a suit to meet the punters at night, (if you had a suit).

The Adler we had was LHD Olive Green, a cross between a Mini-Moke and a Willys jeep, no hood, no side screens, just 4 seats, the basics. It was a very temperamental starter, however what a motor. How it came to these shores no-one knows. Incidentally there were some real characters in the motor trade in Bilston in those days, making Arthur Daley look like a boy-scout.

M SAXON
Tipton

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Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number of the writer. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

How can the HS2 be of national benefit?

I MUST add my thoughts to the present claim and counterclaim, regarding the long-term benefits for the economy of the country with the building of the HS2.

My understanding of being a "benefit" would be that of earning a great deal of money for the country from the rest of the world by the usage of this system. I cannot see how this could be.

So let us look at a few points; will other trains be able to use this line, which I understand, will be a special design for this purpose no junctions, no goods? If this is the case, all that it will achieve is to move a "train" from A to B in a shorter time than the present system. How will this create growth and business for the areas it runs through?

And while we are talking about speed in furtherance to this, what electronic wizardry will be available to our business in the next 10 – 20 years time, when you think of the advances in this field over the past 20 years. I know jobs will be created, but what jobs? It will be just another extension to an already over blown service sector, with no real profit making for the country.

B DOLMAN
Tividale

A theatre would see more use than zoo

I FULLY agree with the letter by Mr Brian Turner May 20.

Hasn't it dawned on the councillors that people usually only visit a zoo or museum once or maybe twice whereas visiting the Hippodrome would be ongoing.

To call the town hall a concert hall is rubbish.

I have been to some excellent shows there but the seats downstairs are uncomfortable and the place doesn't hold enough people.

It annoys me that the views of the general public doesn't seem to be taken into consideration.

I am not surprised, however, as it has been nearly 20 years trying to get speedway back in the borough to say nothing of the football/cricket ground we were promised.

J HILL
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NEWS

1,400 looking for aid to offset the bedroom tax

MORE than 1,400 desperate families and council tenants have applied for emergency handouts to help them cope with the controversial 'bedroom tax', figures show.

Councils in the Black Country, South Staffordshire, Cannock Chase, Lichfield, Stafford and Wyre Forest have received more applications for help in the past month than they had in six months last year.

Latest figures claim there have been 1,267 applications for support with paying rent, called discretionary housing payments (DHPs) in April 2013.

The same councils had 2,102 requests for the whole of the 2012/13 financial year.

Tenants are seeking tens of thousands of pounds to cover their rent following cuts to housing benefit for anyone who has one or more spare rooms.

Under the controversial new measure, dubbed the bedroom tax by critics, people in council or social rented housing with one spare room lose 14 per cent of their housing benefit. People with two or more spare rooms lose 25 per cent.

The Government wants people who are 'under-occupying' to trade down to smaller properties to reduce soaring waiting lists for council homes from families living in cramped accommodation.

But there is a shortage of smaller properties for people to go to. Pensioners with spare rooms are exempt from the charge.

The worst affected area is in Dudley with 529 applications for help.

MP backs Bill on patents

EUROPE-wide laws to help businesses protect their designs and patents have been welcomed by a West Midlands MEP. Malcolm Harbour, who represents the region for the Tories, said the Intellectual Property Bill would include the introduction of the new EU Patent. Mr Harbour said: "I welcome this bill."

Sonny proves a belter

Sonny Anderson, aged 13, of Wall Heath, earned his black belt in taekwondo

YEARS of hard work have paid off for a talented young martial artist who has earned a black belt, aged 13. Sonny Anderson rose through the ranks after taking up taekwondo aged five.

Now the keen rugby player has reached the standard of black belt – which his instructor said was a 'great achievement'.

Sonny, of Wall Heath, is a member of the Heart of England Martial Arts group that meets at Blakenhall Community and Healthy Living Centre, Bromley Street.

His instructor Chris Woolcock, who won world championship gold for sparring in 2004, said: "He has done really well. We work towards high standards here and have a strict structure, which I think has helped him get so far.

"He has got very far for his age. I was 16 when I got my black belt. He balances taekwondo with rugby and other sports and he is very active.

"He also works very hard at school and he is getting good grades there. He has been persistent."

Sonny, a pupil at Summerhill School, Kingswinford, is 'very determined to succeed', his mother Kate said.

She added: "I'm really proud of him. He has stuck at it."

Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7-8pm and the group offers lessons of all grades.

Heart of England Martial Arts - which has groups in Nottingham, Derby, Leicester and Burton-on-Trent – practices the chang hon style of taekwondo.

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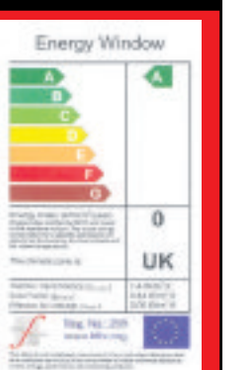

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NEWS

Pair pedal for pounds

Paul Dunn and Jason Addison, who rode from Coseley to Shrewsbury in aid of Birmingham Children's Hospital

A FATHER from Coseley, whose son was struck down with leukaemia, has completed a 50-mile cycle ride to try to help other sick children.

Jason Addison, aged 42 from Somerford Way, set off from his home at 8am to ride to Shrewsbury in aid of Birmingham Children's Hospital cancer ward.

His son Scott, now 18, was treated there for the cancer when he was diagnosed with it aged just five, spending three years undergoing chemotherapy. Although Scott is now in remission Jason, who is the director of Addison Tyres in Princes End, Tipton, is determined to keep raising cash. He was inspired by eight-year-old Joshua Jackson, from Tipton, who is a friend of the family, and is currently being treated for his second bout of leukaemia.

Jason said: "We went through a lot with my son and his treatments, and it's not a nice experience. My son's now in remission, but Josh has relapsed. It's a terrible thing for parents to go through."

Jason undertook the ride recently with friend Paul Dunn, also 42 from Coseley, and raised £500 for the cause.

He said the ride would have been longer, but last year Jason broke his knee when a car pulled out on him.

Now he is planning two mammoth rides – one from London to Paris next year, and then from John O'Groats to Land's End the year after.

Show could be steaming off to find new venue

A VINTAGE steam rally that attracts thousands of visitors to the Black Country could be held in a different venue and removed from council control as a row over funding goes on.

The event in Wolverhampton is paid for by the council – but a parade of vehicles through the city has been scrapped this year to cut costs. Now plans are being drawn up for it to be funded solely by the organisers at a new venue.

by Tim Spiers

Each year dozens of vehicles snake through the city centre ahead of the Steam and Vintage Rally at West Park.

But it has been announced the much-loved parade will be axed this year under cost-cutting moves by Wolverhampton City Council.

Traditionally the vehicles drive along streets lined with onlookers before travelling to West Park for the main event, which attracted up to 40,000 people last year.

One of the organisers Councillor Malcolm Gwinnett has already announced he was quitting this year's event due to the cutbacks.

But he said he was due to return next year – and did not expect the council to be involved.

Councillor Gwinnett, who has helped to set up the event for 20 years, said it was suggested the show could be held at Wolverhampton Racecourse with council funding, but the organisers felt it would not work.

He said cuts mean it cannot remain at West Park next year – so instead it could become an independently run event.

Councillor Gwinnett said: "We have several locations in mind that we can use but we don't want to say any more until it has been sorted out. We can do it without the council and it will be a better event than we have now.

"They have destroyed the event – it used to be one of the highlights of the year."

Council spokesman Gurdip Thandi said the authority was 'not aware' of the plans.

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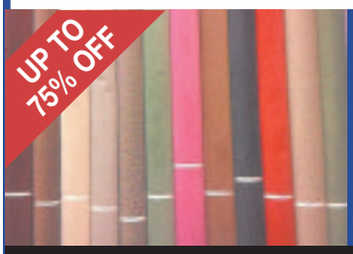

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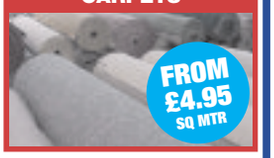

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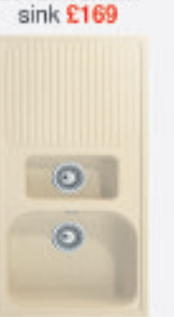

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NEWS

Mother of tragic asthma boy welcomes new policy

THE mother of an eight-year-old boy who died after suffering an asthma attack has welcomed a new drive by health chiefs to keep a closer eye on youngsters with the condition.

The plans, by Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), are aimed at preventing tragic deaths of youngsters such as Owen Jeremy and Brandon Bird, both of Wordsley.

Owen, of Primrose Hill, who enjoyed football and swimming, died on May 24 last year when he went into cardiac arrest in hospital after suffering an asthma attack at Fairhaven Primary School. His mother Rowena said the move was 'fantastic'.

While Brandon, of Rushall Close, died after a chronic asthma attack in April 2011, just five days short of his eighth birthday.

The CCG has now drawn up new guidelines to ensure patients are followed up for treatment.

Chief quality and nursing officer at Dudley CCG Rebecca Bartholomew said: "We see this work as a top priority for us in Dudley to ensure we have no further tragic deaths of young people."

Children who have previously needed urgent attention because of their asthma will now be flagged up by doctors so they and their parents can be given more advice on how to control their condition.

A system is also being put in place whereby doctors can ensure children with asthma are not missing appointments.

The asthma in schools policy has been revised.

Jobs vow over The Public

TEACHING jobs will be created if The Public is turned into a sixth-form, college bosses vowed. The number of A-level and AS-level students would doubled if Sandwell College's sixth form took over the West Bromwich gallery, bosses said.

Engine steaming back

Black Country Living Museum demonstrator Ray Franklin from Colley Gate, and the replica Newcomen Engine at work

IT was full steam ahead for th historic engine at the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley when the refurbished machine was back in action.

The site's replica Newcomen Engine was up-and-running for the recent Bank Holiday weekend.

It is one of the first times the engine, a copy of the original created in the 18th century, has been in operation since the completion of a £100,000 restoration last year.

Engineers spent around 12 months painstakingly revamping the engine, which has been on display at the museum, in Tipton Road, since 1986. Restoration work included replacing the wood head frame and adjusting worn parts of the pump and mine shaft.

Repairs were also carried out to the valve gear, piston and cylinders.

All the hard work has paid off as visitors were able to see the engine in action over the past three days.

The engine was demonstrated by expert Ray Franklin, who was in period dress for the occasion.

Dudley' Mayor Councillor Alan Finch, who paid an official visit to the museum, said the Newcomen Engine was always a popular draw for visitors. "There were a lot of people taking a look at the engine when it was in operation," he said.

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A&E staff are struggling

STAFF at Russells Hall's A&E department in are struggling to cope with the number of patients and need more resources, according to Dudley North MP Ian Austin.

Mr Austin has called on Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt to make sure the hospital has enough staff and resources to deal with the rising number of A&E admissions.

Mr Austin said: "Despite all the hard work by staff at Russells Hall, demands on A&E are going through the roof and the Government has to make extra resources available so that the hospital can cope.

"David Cameron promised the NHS would be safe on his watch but instead his government has haemorrhaged thousands of nurses and done nothing whilst A&Es struggled through the winter.

"Instead his expensive and bureaucratic reorganisation has cost the NHS in Dudley £20 million, which should have been spent on patient care."

Shortages

Staffing shortages have left A&E departments struggling to cope, with reports of ambulances queueing outside and patients left on trolleys for hours.

More than a million more patients attended A&E between February 2012 to January 2013 than in the previous 12 months, Mr Austin said.

Recently the College of Emergency Medicines reported the pressure on A&E units across the country was the heaviest for a decade. Citing figures showing that Russells Hall has missed its A&E waiting time targets for 13 of the last 26 weeks, Mr Austin has asked Mr Hunt to look at what can be done to increase the number of local out of hours GP services.

He has also raised concerns that the new 111 service could be increasing the strain as operators misdirect patients to A&E, adding that every week since its launch in Dudley on March 19, Russells Hall has missed its A&E target.

Bid will be sent in to get £1.6m for school places

THREE bids of more £1.6million combined to fund an extra 130 school places for pupils with learning difficulties and disabilities in Dudley borough will be lodged.

Council bosses have given the go-ahead for plans to submit applications to the Education Funding Agency (EFA).

They want to increase the amount of high needs education for students, aged 16 to 19, in the borough.

They want to create new places at Pens Meadow Special School in Wordsley, Stourbridge College and Dudley College.

A total of 235 spots will be created and it is hoped that funding from the EFA will cover the costs. The council is applying for £592,000 to provide 45 places for over 16s at Pens Meadow. A former hospital building near the site will be transformed into classrooms for pupils with learning difficulties and disabilities.

A £540,000 grant would be used for an independent living unit for 150 students at Stourbridge College.

The council hopes to secure £516,000 to refurbish a building at Dudley College to provide 40 places.

Dudley's education chief Councillor Tim Crumpton said the plans were aimed at increasing choice, based on evidence of growing numbers of young people with learning difficulties and disabilities in Dudley's schools.

Free event for families

A FREE family event will be held to mark National Breastfeeding Week by the maternity unit at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital and the city's art gallery.

Held on June 13. it will feature live music and singing, information stands, presentations, activities for all the family, a family photo sitting, breastfeeding support and information, and a mother and baby bop.

Pregnant women, new mothers, families with young children and health professionals are invited to the event from 10am until 3pm.

Young and old enjoy a treat

Oliver Sheldon, Jasper Davis and Lucy Hannah serve cake and tea to visitors at Oldswinford Primary School as part of a Second World War project

YOUNGSTERS at a Dudley school baked cakes and performed classic wartime songs for more than 80 older people.

Year 5 pupils at Oldswinford CE Primary School, Field Lane, staged the event on Friday following weeks of preparation.

Older family members and residents at nursing homes in the borough were invited to attend and share their memories of the Second World War with youngsters.

They were treated to a homemade tea with children baking cakes and other treats during the week as part of their preparations.

More than 100 confections were created. Youngsters also performed rousing renditions of the Vera Lynn hit White Cliffs of Dover, It's a Long Way to Tipperary and Wish Me Luck as You Wave Me Goodbye.

The two year five classes have been practising the songs for weeks in order to give flawless performances.

Headteacher Ross Workman said: "This has been an excellent opportunity for our children to find out first-hand experiences to bring their history project on the Second World War alive.

"It has also been a wonderful way to build friendships with our community."

Year 5 teacher Alison Higginbotham said: "The number of people we had visit was absolutely wonderful and the children were all looking forward to it.

"The children have been learning all about the Second World War – such as about evacuations and rationing.

"We decided to hold our own little wartime celebration."

Severn Trent defend delays on pipe work

SEVERN Trent Water chiefs have defended delays to repair work on a water pipe that will leave drivers facing delays for up to two months longer than planned.

The firm is carrying out the work on Compton Bridge on the A454 Bridgnorth Road, Wolverhampton.

Lane closures were originally expected to be in place for six weeks when the work started on April 2.

Bosses then said the restrictions could last until the end of May. But they have now revealed the work will continue until the middle of July.

Severn Trent's solution manager, Mark Jones, said: "We're now carrying out further investigations so that we can install a new water pipe and, because there are gas pipes in the area, we're liaising with National Grid.

"We're also keeping residents up-to-date with our progress and we're in contact with the Highways Authority and the Canals & Rivers Trust."

Council to build homes

A BLACK Country council is build its first new houses for 30 years – after the authority agreed to give away land for free to developers.

Wolverhampton City Council is not asking developer Kier Group to pay for a seven-acre site off Thompson Avenue, Ettingshall but will instead want new homes handed overt.

The firm will build 104 houses, of which a quarter will be handed over to the authority, which will pay £2m for the deal.

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Buildings on old sewage site could be demolished

A DISUSED sewage works could be demolished pending its transformation into a housing estate

Chiefs at Severn Trent Water hope to sell the Caledonia Sewage Works, off Thorns Hill, Stourbridge, for £3 million after winning planning permission to build more than 140 homes there.

But the firm has fears about the former sewage works and has recently introduced 24-hour security at the site to try to prevent trespassers targeting the buildings.

Bosses have also applied for permission from Dudley Council to knock down the works.

Severn Trent Water spokeswoman Sarah-Jayne O'Kane said: "Severn Trent Water has applied for permission to remove the buildings at the site of the former Caledonia Sewage Treatment Works.

"At this point in time, we haven't made a definite decision as to whether to go ahead with the removal of the buildings, but this is one option for making the site safer."

The sewage works was closed down in 1998 following the doubling in size of the water company's other plant at the Roundhill Treatment Works, in Kinver.

Although the housing proposals have outline planning permission, any developer would have to get full planning permission from Dudley Council before starting work on the 23-acre site, which also has six acres of land which is let out for farming.

Any buyer would have to remove the treatment plant and equipment.

Archives are shaping up

From left Mayoress Heather Finch, Mayor, Councillor Alan Finch with Jan Vickers, Pat Morgan and Janet Lea from the Friends of Dudley Archives and Local History Service as they take a tour around the centre

IT may be an empty space now but by January the rooms at a new archives building will be filled with thousands of books and historical documents.

Construction work on the £6 million building in Dudley began in April last year and is due to be finished in August – five months before it is opened to the public.

Around a dozen guests, including mayor and mayoress Alan and Heather Finch and Friends of Dudley Archives and Local History Service members, were given a tour of the building.

Following the tour, Dudley mayor Alan Finch said: "I think it's a great achievement for the Dudley borough." Friends chairman Jan Vickers said: "It's going to make a great improvement to the service."

Before the tour, a time capsule was buried by the mayor and pupils Euan Gaskin, aged seven, and Daya Kaur, eight.

Stomp over to concert

A JAZZ band from the Black Country which split up for 20 years will hold a rare performance at a revered club in Bilston this weekend. The Dixieland Stompers first began playing clubs in the area in the mid 1970s after being formed by Wolverhampton trombonist John Dickenson. Now the band will reform once more at popular jazz venue The Trumpet in High Street, Bilston, on June 8. Call Mr Dickenson on 07958 562900 for details.

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Region's wildlife 'is under threat'

THE Black Country's wildlife is in trouble, according to the region's wildlife trust.

Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust says six out of ten UK species are in decline, according to a study by conservation organisations and volunteers.

The study is the first of its kind in the UK and reveals 60 per cent of the species studied have declined over recent decades with more than one in 10 in danger of disappearing.

Neil Wyatt, spokesman for the Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust said urban, woodland, grassland and heathland, fresh water and wetland species were under threat in the area. He added: "It is time for us to take action to save nature and we are calling on people to give their support. We need as many people as possible to engage with the Nature Improvement Area."

Parry issuing £2m in shares to avoid business being wound up

A TRANSPORT firm in the Black Country is to issue £2 million of new shares to raise research cash and fend off a winding-up threat to its sister company, caused by a £70,000 VAT debt.

The High Court has given Parry & Associates, which launched Parry People Movers Ltd, Cradley a further stay of execution of the bid by HM Revenue & Customs to close it down.

It now has until July 8 to pay off the VAT bill. Parry People Movers, which produced the Class 139 rail buses that transport 500,000 passengers a year across Stourbridge, recently had a revaluation that has added around £2.4m to its balance sheet. On the strength of that assessment, bosses are planning to issue a further £2m worth of new Parry People Movers shares to be offered to its 200 existing backers as well as newcomers.

It comes after Parry & Associates completed deals for up to £30,000 of machines for the construction industry in Ethiopia and Somalia.

Chairman John Parry said: "Shareholders have rallied to loan money towards paying the VAT bill and we are trading ourselves out of the problem. We are as confident as we can be in the success of the share offer and are proceeding with our research and development work."

The company is pressing ahead with development work to produce a version of the rail bus that is double the size of the existing model, which carries 60 passengers.

It has been buoyed by a pledge of a £1m grant from a regional fund and a further £250,000 technology grant. But the company has to match the funding and is raising it through the share offer.

The firm recently won a £700,000 rail bus order from Turkey and is hopeful of clinching a £1m deal in America. Mr Parry said: "We are gradually getting out of the mire."

Concerns over motorway link

CONCERNS have been raised by an engineering team from the University of Wolverhampton over a planned motorway junction costing almost £40 million that will link the i54 site with the M54.

At a presentation at the institution's City Campus a group of scholars claimed the Staffordshire County Council-backed scheme will cause traffic disruption around junction 2 of the motorway.

Research from the students also predicted considerable tailbacks both north and southbound on the A449 Stafford Road which could impact on Coven.

Philip Atkins, Leader of Staffordshire County Council, defended the current scheme. He said: "While it is always good to hear the views of our engineers of the future, of course the county council has a highly skilled, qualified team of engineers."

Sweetest moment for the civic couple

Black Country Living Museum demonstrator and Dudley Mayoress Heather Finch with her husband Mayor Alan Finch

A SWEET shop worker at the Black Country Living Museum had a special surprise when a VIP visitor popped in to see her.

Dudley's new mayor, Councillor Alan Finch paid an official visit to the museum, on Tipton Road, to go to see his wife, the new mayoress, in her role as a demonstrator in the sweet shop.

Heather Finch, aged 57, has been working part time in the Victorian sweet shop at the museum for the past two years, after starting there as a guide four years before that. Every week she will don her traditional dress, and sell sweets to visitors as well as make the sweets.

So when Councillor Finch, Labour ward member for Castle and Priory, became the new mayor two weeks ago, he thought it was only right to pay Mrs Mayor and the museum a visit, so she put on her Victorian clothes and newly-acquired chains to welcome him.

Councillor Finch said: "That was the first time I've been to visit her in her workplace. I really enjoyed my visit, and I want to give the museum some publicity."

Councillor Finch, 60, followed in his brother's footsteps when he was elected first citizen earlier this month as his older sibling Ken was mayor in 1998/99.

Scheme saves 1,000 from facing eviction

MORE than 1,000 people have been saved from homelessness in Dudley borough during 12 months, new figures claim.

Around 400 referrals were lodged with a mortgage arrears advice service to help families who feared they could lose their home. Council bosses say there has been a 'steady demand' for the service since April 2012 as people struggle to make ends meet. The service provides advice and support to help people to stay in their own homes.

It was set up in 2006 as a partnership between Dudley Council's housing services and Dudley District Citizen's Advice Bureau in response to the increase in property repossessions.

Help is available for anything ranging from advice about money worries to what to do when someone is served an eviction notice. Councillor Steve Waltho, said: "This scheme is excellent and has made a direct impact upon the quality of life of so many Dudley residents."

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CLUB NEWS

A dinner date with ex-mayor

DUDLEY SOUTH LADIES LUNCHEON CLUB

CHAIRMAN Mary Jones welcomed 42 members and one visitor for a three-course lunch and to hear speaker Councillor Michael Evans, former Mayor of Dudley.

Having taken a vow of service to Dudley he then became the number one citizen of the borough.

He travelled all over the West Midlands attending civic services, charity functions, entertained delegates from overseas and promoted businesses. He particularly enjoyed welcoming visitors to the Mayor's chambers and ended his term of office with the Mayor's Ball. Over the year £24,400 was raised for SSAFA and Leukaemia.

The chairman then surprised everyone with the news that Betty Griffin, who had been treasurer for 20 years, was retiring and moving to the south coast. Members expressed their gratitude for her devotion to the club and presented her with a bouquet. Sandra Chappell and Jan Burrows kindly agreed to take over as treasurer and registrar.

June's speaker will be John Sparry with a 'Reminder of the time'.

An outing to Stratford has been arranged for June 28 and Ann and Mike Rogers invited members to their home for a coffee morning on August 9.

Guild gets crafty for enjoyable afternoon

The art and craft section during an afternoon at the Craft Centre, Halfpenny Green

THE club's arts and craft section are seen here having a very busy afternoon at the Craft Centre at Halfpenny Green Vineyard.

They were having a very enjoyable and amusing time making a little gift bag to contain a tea bag and biscuit, which required the use several new skills including the use of glue.

A representative of Nova Chocolate talked at the guild meeting about chocolate, a very interesting subject. The excellent speaker related many unusual facts about chocolate

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including that it didn't necessarily make people fat, which was very pleasing.

At the next meeting Ruth Lowe will talk about Mary Quant in the 60 and 70s.

New members and visitors are always welcome to guild meetings which are on the third Monday at 7.15pm in Sedgley Community Centre.

Thought-provoking talk

BILSTON & DISTRICT SOROPTIMISTS

AT their Dinner Meeting, Members of SI Bilston were given a talk by Nanette Mellor, a campaign designer for Mencap.

It was the first after dinner speaker following the theme "A Day in the Life" for which president Tina has invited various women speakers in different professions to share with members.

Nanette conveyed her thought-provoking memories of childhood and the lives of her mother and aunt, who had experienced sexual abuse when in care.

Her aunt had learning difficulties which made Nanette more determined to help protect vulnerable people or those with learning difficulties.

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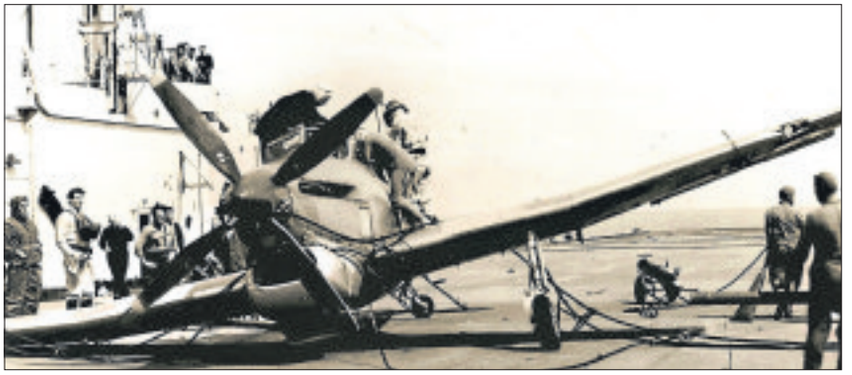

Aircrew gather around a Sea Balliol after it suffered an undercarriage collapse landing on an aircraft carrier

A Balliol – an advanced trainer – is seen here being test flown from Pendeford

Balliol brought end to aircraft building

A Balliol preserved in the Sri Lankan Air Museum

The largest surviving part of an RAF Balliol, a cockpit being restored by Staffordshire Aircraft Restoration Team

ON 26th October 1954 the last aircraft ever made by Boulton Paul Aircraft flew for the first time.

by Alec Brew

It was a Sea Balliol, serial WP333 built for the Fleet Air Arm, and was also the last British aircraft to be powered by the famous Rolls-Royce Merlin engine.

This was the engine that had powered the Spitfire and Hurricane in the Battle of Britain.

Boulton Paul had been building aircraft since 1915, firstly in Norwich, and then, from 1936, at Pendeford.

At the end of April the factory at Pendeford was finally emptied ready for redevelopment and an era had come to an end.

The Balliol was an advanced trainer, originally for the Royal Air Force, and initially to be powered by a turbo-prop engine, a jet engine driving a propeller.

In fact, one of the prototypes was the first aircraft in the world to be powered by a single turboprop, but production versions were to be fitted with the trusty Merlin.

This was an engine Boulton Paul was to be fitting to aircraft longer than any other manufacturer, beginning with the first Defiant fighter in 1937, then the 1062 Defiants and 692 Fairey Barracudas during the Second World War.

It was followed with the Balliol, which, as yet another footnote to aviation history, was the last British piston-engined advanced trainer.

Boulton Paul hoped for orders for 700 Balliols, but in the end only 229 of all versions were built, as the Air Ministry decided to switch to an all-jet training syllabus.

The Balliol equipped one Flying Training School at RAF Cottesmore, and the RAF College at Cranwell, but after around three years was largely retired.

In fact 15 Balliols were scrapped before ever being issued to a unit.

Apart from the RAF and 30 for the Fleet Air Arm, which used them for rather longer, the only other orders for the aircraft were 12 for Ceylon, now Sri Lanka.

After WP333 was delivered the company switched to sub-contracting work, building parts for other aircraft, and the design and production of power control units, the sphere in which it was to specialise.

Now, even the factory where they were built is likely to disappear

The last surviving Sea Balliol is pictured at RAF Cosford

A Balliol in service with 288 Squadron, Royal Air Force – Boulton Paul had hoped to produce 700 planes but only 229 were made

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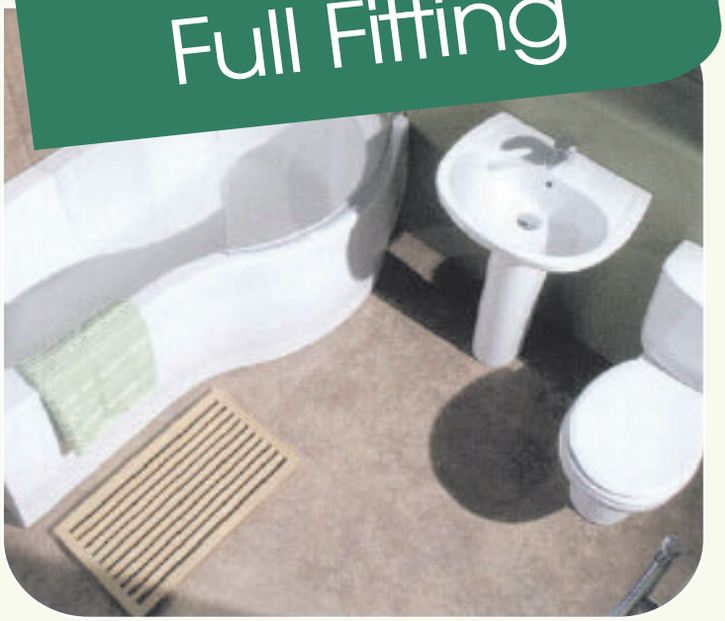

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Deal may be on horizon for £10m white elephant

PROPERTY experts are in 'active discussions' with an occupier to take over a £10 million fire control headquarters in the Black Country that was abandoned before ever opening.

Plans to open the site as a regional control centre for the fire service were scrapped before it was even finished and it has never had a tenant.

Taxpayers will have to pick up its £48 million rental bill over a 25-year lease if a tenant is never found while the public purse also continues to cover its round-the-clock security and electricity.

Total running costs including rent are around £1.8m a year but the site is now being offered to other businesses for just £450,000. The taxpayer will have to make up the shortfall if no new agreement can be reached.

The Government's Department for Communities and Local Government has brought in property consultants GVA to market the building and the company says it has found a potential occupier and hopes it can release good news in the coming months. It comes after senior civil servant Sir Bob Kerslake admitted the centre 'was not appropriate to the needs of the country', when it was created.

GVA used the £39,000 budget it was given by Whitehall to market the centre directly to a list of 2,500 prospective occupiers the firm agreed with the Government.

The company would however not reveal the identity, nor the sector, of the potential occupier for the site.

The £10 million fire control headquarters at Wolverhampton Business Park has never opened after the project was abandoned

Bus engine catches fire

FIREFIGHTERS tackled a fire on a bus in Pensnett after the engine set alight. Crews from Brierley Hill were called to the blaze by The Fox and Grapes pub in High Street. The driver raised the alarm after seeing smoke coming out of the engine compartment of the single deck bus. There were no passengers on the bus.

Parents adopting children will benefit from national scheme

ADOPTIVE parents in the Black Country are to benefit from a nationally-acclaimed support scheme.

The SafeBase Parenting Programme will be available to parents of adoptive children at any stage in the process.

It is part of a partnership between Adoption in the Black Country (ABC) and the charity After Adoption. SafeBase is said to have had a proven track record in other areas of the UK in preventing adoption breakdown and encouraging adoption of hard-to-place children. The four Black Country councils' investment in the programme is financially supported by the Timpson Foundation.

Councillor Tim Crumpton, said: "I'm delighted adoptive families in the Black Country are to benefit from the highly-specialised support offered by SafeBase.

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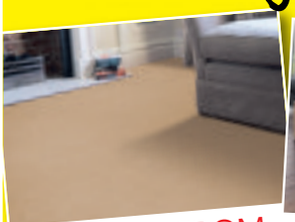

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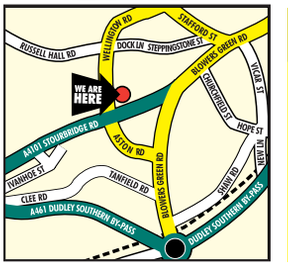

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Ghost is our world not the film's – star

The spectacular show is on at The Grand. **ALISON NORTON** spoke with the stars of the musical

WHEN the film version of Ghost hit the big screen back in 1990, this romantic fantasy starring Demi Moore and Patrick Swayze made even the hardest hearted cinema goer shed a tear.

Who wouldn't be affected by a tale of true love ruined when the couple are torn apart by his untimely death?

As she leans over his body, you feel her despair and then his total frustration at being trapped between the real and spirit worlds, as he tries to avenge his own death and keep his love safe from harm.

Rebecca Trehearn and Stewart Clarke, who play the lead roles in Ghosts

Describes

The musical version of Ghost swept into the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre as part of the current UK tour.

With music by one of the most respected musicians of recent times, Dave Stewart, and an Oscar winning screenplay by Bruce Joel Rubin adapted for stage, Ghost is not just a musical, it's an experience.

There's a Midlands flavour to the show too.

Solihull born and bred, Stewart Clarke plays Sam Wheat. He describes the show as 'an awe-inspring tale of the power of undying love'.

"To this day I have not seen the film," he said. "The world of Ghost that Rebecca (Trehearn) and I have created is our world and I would rather keep it that way."

Molly Jensen is played by Rebecca Trehearn, who understudied the role in the West End.

Is it difficult to keep her emotions under control with such a heart-wrenching storyline?

"I do spend a lot of time crying and shouting on stage," laughed Rebecca, "and sometimes before a show I think, I don't want to cry anymore, but you just get swept along in it."

Wendy Mae Brown provides light relief as the loveable, but slightly crooked psychic, Oda Mae Brown, famously portrayed in the movie by the queen of American comedy, Whoopi Goldberg.

"As a black performer and with my name, I feel as if I was born to play her," laughed Wendy. Oda Mae is certainly a colourful character, but it is Wendy's exceptional comedic timing and sparkling personality that lights up the stage.

The special effects in the show are phenomenal and the whole cast have the utmost respect for the technical team who create the magic.

Sam not only walks through doors, but appears in two places at once and ascends to heaven in the most spectacular way. It's just spine-tingling!

So do you believe in "Ghosts?" If not this show might just change your, mind because you'll never feel or see anything like it.

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*This show filled with humour and heart-stirring performances features songs from West End musicals.

Hearts

Running at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre until Saturday, June 16, is the smash-hit musical Ghost, based on the Oscar-winning movie that captured the hearts and imaginations of a generation back in the 90s.

And for opera fans there is a feast from the Welsh National Opera at Birmingham Hippodrome with Wagner Dream (June 12); Lohengrin (June 13/15) and Madam Butterfly (June 14)

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Marc Robinson as Buddy Holly

Rock'n'roll legend Jess Conrad

That'll be the day for nostalgia

HIT stage show Buddy Holly – a Legend Reborn is coming to Wolverhampton starring original rock'n'roll legend Jess Conrad.

Marc Robinson, a winner from ITV's legendary Stars in Their Eyes show, headlines the live production, bringing to life classic hits such as Peggy Sue, That'll be the Day and Oh Boy.

Heyday

Backed by a band reminiscent of the Crickets in their 50s heyday the show is an authentic slice of rock 'n' roll nostalgia.

Joining Marc areJess Conrad, recreating the performances on 60s rock-'n'roll show Oh Boy! and Patsy Lee, as Connie Francis with hits, Who's Sorry Now, Lipstick on Your Collar and Stupid Cupid.

The show is at the Grand Theatre on Sunday, June 16.

It's Cooper play – just like that!

BEING Tommy Cooper is on a 39-date national tour stopping off at the New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham on June 12.

The new play, by Tom Green, stars Damian Williams as Tommy Cooper and celebrates the brilliance of Britain's famous comic and explores the pressures and loneliness of fame.

After Tommy's television debut in 1948, he went on to star in many variety shows in a career that spanned four decades.

Tommy died in 1984, famously collapsing from a heart attack on live television in front of millions of viewers during his act on Live From Her Majesty's.

REVIEW

Carnaby Street, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham

SET against the backdrop of London's West End in the 60s, its iconic clubs and fashion, Carnaby Street is the musical story of a generation.

Jam packed with more than 30 classic hits from the time, including In The Middle of Nowhere, I Only Wanna Be With You, Anyone Who Had a Heart, Keep on Running, and many, many more, it tells the story of a boy's dream to be a pop star – at any cost

The musical tells of a young working class boy who arrives from Liverpool to London armed with nothing but his guitar, but in his pursuit of stardom he meets, falls in love and has his heart broken until he realises that fame is not all it is cracked up to be.

Energetic

The story was well told in songs although was slightly contrived and cheesy.

A news seller kept the New Alexandra Theatre audience up to date with important happenings of that era although a lot of what he said was lost as his parting shot was normally just as he was walking off stage.

The role of the would-be star Jude was played by Matthew Wycliffe with his love interest Jane (Tricia Adele-Turner). The two definitely has the strongest voices.

A very energetic, enthusiastic performance but somewhat lacking in vocal strength but very warmly received by the audience.

It runs until Saturday.

SUE ATTWATER

REVIEW

Maggie Boyle and Paul Downes, Newhampton Folk Club

THERE is an organic and unadorned feel to Maggie Boyle's style of singing and flute playing which is something a lot of folk musicians seemed to have left behind.

Teamed with guitarist Paul Downes they opened their set at the Newhampton Inn with a traditional-sounding duet Brave Boys with Paul using precise guitar picking to complement her voice.

Boyle doesn't have the strongest of voices but she uses it to good effect and her honest, almost nervy at times, tones are very refreshing.

She started Once in a While a Cappella, before moving on to her flute to fill out the rest of the tune.

Memories

Downes switched over to the five-string banjo for ballad Sweet Nancy before Boyle took over for a trio of flute solos which were a Lament for John Doherty, Betty Sue Southall and Paddy Boyle's Highland.

The first tune had a real sense of melancholia and brought memories of the soundtrack from the Ken Loach classic Kes. The second was more upbeat accompanied by Downes on guitar. The third even lighter with a definite Celtic sound.

Later on in the set Downes was back on the banjo showing his impressive picking skills, unfortunately his voice is nowhere near as good as his playing.

DANNY FARRAGHER

What's On!

SATURDAY'S TV 8.06.13

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CHOICE

Michael Obiora

Casualty
BBC1, 9.10pm
Cat McSweeney has had an allergic reaction to her fake tan, and is suffering from headaches, dizziness and nausea. While she undergoes treatment, it seems her fella could hold the key to her reaction. Meanwhile, Lloyd (Michael Obiora) is determined to uncover the truth about a cannabis factory on his final day as a nurse. Given the time of year there's little wonder this episode doesn't pack as much of a punch as the autumn instalments, but if Britain's Got Talent leaves you cold, then this alternative is just what the doctor ordered.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.00** Total Wipeout. (R) **3.00** Live Equestrian. **5.00** Live Formula 1: Canadian Grand Prix Qualifying. Coverage from the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal (Start-time 6.00pm).
7.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.30 Pointless Celebrities. Stars who have appeared on Strictly Come Dancing, including Ola Jordan, Chris Parker, Chelsee Healey and Laila Rouass, take part in the unorthodox general knowledge quiz. (R)
8.20 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton hosts the quiz in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Includes the National Lottery draws, presented by OJ Borg.
9.10 Casualty. Lloyd is determined to uncover the truth about a cannabis factory on his final day as a nurse, while Tess and Fletch try to counsel a feisty young couple.
10.00 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.
10.20 Film: The Rock. (1996) An FBI chemical weapons expert and a jailed SAS veteran must break into Alcatraz to bring down a renegade general and his men. Action thriller, with Sean Connery and Nicolas Cage.
12.30 Film: Westworld. (1973) Sci-fi thriller, starring Yul Brynner and Richard Benjamin. **1.55** Weatherview. **2.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Film: Room Service. (1938) **7.15 Film:** Star of Midnight. (1935) **8.40** The Sky at Night. (R) **9.00** A History of Scotland. (R) **10.00** Reel History of Britain. (R) **10.30** Nature's Great Events. (R) **11.30** Just a Minute. (R) **12.00** The Chef's Protege. (R) **12.30** The Chef's Protege. (R) **1.00** The Chef's Protege. (R) **1.30** The Chef's Protege. (R) **2.30** Coast. **2.55** Live Formula 1: Canadian Grand Prix Practice Three. **4.10** Natural World: Living with Baboons. (R) **5.10** Flog It! (R)
6.10 Don't Panic! The Dad's Army Story. Victoria Wood pays tribute to the comedy and introduces classic moments from the series. Contributors include Ian Lavender, Clive Dunn, and Bill Pertwee, who died last month. (R)
7.00 Dad's Army. Warden Hodges challenges Captain Mainwaring's platoon to a cricket match. Featuring a guest appearance by former England and Yorkshire fast bowler Fred Trueman. (R)
7.30 Live International Rugby Union. Argentina v England (Kick-off 8.10pm). Coverage of the first fixture in a two-match series, as the Pumas welcome England to the Estadio Padre Ernesto Martearena in Salta.
10.00 History of the Eagles. Part one of two. Profile of the American rock band, chronicling the group's creation and rise to fame in the 1970s through to their break-up in 1980. Concludes tomorrow at 10.30pm.
12.00 California Comes to the Whistle Test. **1.00 Film:** Honeydripper. (2007) **3.00** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Special Agent Oso. **6.10** Special Agent Oso. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.35** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.00** Jessie. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Dinner Date. (R) **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.30** Saturday Farm. **12.30** All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) **1.30** Live French Open Tennis.
6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.15 ITV News; Weather.
6.30 You've Been Framed and Famous! Harry Hill narrates a selection of the best celebrity lookalike clips sent in by viewers, including people resembling Tom Cruise, Britney Spears and Prince Harry. (R)
7.30 Britain's Got Talent: The Live Final. The 10 finalists, plus a wildcard entry, battle for the chance to appear at the Royal Variety Performance and take home £250,000. Ant and Dec host. Last in the series.
10.00 The Americans. The The Jennings try to plant a bug in the defence secretary's office.
10.50 ITV News; Weather.
11.10 French Open Tennis. Highlights of the women's singles final from Roland Garros, the feature attraction of the 14th and penultimate day's play of the second Grand Slam tournament of the year.
12.10 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Starter Wife. Molly's friendship with Joan implodes. Last in the series. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** British F3 International Series. **7.30** The Grid. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.55** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Heston's Fantastical Food. (R) **1.35** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)
6.15 Come Dine with Me. The final dinner party in Swindon. (R)
6.40 Channel 4 News.
7.00 World's Weirdest Weather. Alex Beresford reveals the power of air and its role in the creation of strange weather events, from tornados spinning on the spot to dust storms, double rainbows and mirages. (R)
8.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud meets two artists who are battling the elements to construct a modern home on the Isle of Skye, with a second building alongside to use as their art studio. (R)
9.00 Film: The Ghost. (2010) A writer is hired to pen the memoirs of a former prime minister, but comes across secrets that put his life in peril.
11.35 Film: The Others. (2001) Period supernatural thriller, starring Nicole Kidman, Fionnula Flanagan, Alakina Mann, James Bentley and Christopher Eccleston.
1.30 Southland. (R) **2.10** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.20** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** ThunderCats. (R) **10.55** Inside Hollywood. **11.00** World's Scariest Plane Landings. (R) **12.00** Cowboy Builders. (R) **1.00** Cowboy Builders. (R) **2.00** CSI: Miami. (R) **2.55** CSI: Miami. (R) **3.45** CSI: NY. (R) **4.40 Film:** Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. (2005)
7.00 NCIS. The agents reluctantly team up with the Coast Guard to investigate the apparent murder of a Navy diver who was trying to recover a sunken ship and its treasure. With Mark Harmon. (R)
7.50 NCIS. A reporter for the Navy Times is found stabbed to death – and the team learns he had been going to meet a call girl linked to three other murders. (R)
8.40 NCIS. A murder is committed while an NCIS employee is moonlighting, so the agents step in to determine whether their colleague is responsible. (R)
9.20 5 News Weekend.
9.30 International Boxing. James DeGale v Stjepan Bozic. Mark Pougatch presents live coverage of the bout for the WBC Super Middleweight Silver title at Glow in Bluewater, Kent.
11.00 Neighbours: This Week. Hour-long highlights episode.
12.00 SuperCasino. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **5.15** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.35** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 The Voice UK **9.00** The Voice UK Results **9.30** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00 Film:** Pretty Woman (1990) **11.55** Family Guy
BBC Four
7.00 Oceans **8.00** The Riviera: A History in Pictures **9.00** Arne Dahl: Europa Blues – Part Two **10.30** Ford's Dagenham Dream **11.30** Deadliest Crash: The Le Mans 1955 Disaster
ITV2
6.00 Film: A Cinderella Story (2004) **8.00 Film:** The Nutty Professor (1996) **10.00** Britain's Got More Talent: The Live Final **11.00** Lemon La Vida Loca **11.45 Film:** Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991)
ITV3
4.00 Foyle's War **6.00** Lewis **8.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **10.00** Blue Murder **11.35** Wire in the Blood
ITV4
12.30 Live French Open Tennis. Coverage of the 14th and penultimate day's play from Roland Garros. **7.00** Minder **8.00** The Sweeney **9.00** Hell on Wheels **10.00 Film:** Game of Death (2010)
E4
5.30 The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Happy Endings **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** 2 Broke Girls **9.00 Film:** Transporter 3 (2008) Underworld courier Frank Martin transports the kidnapped daughter of a crooked government minister across Europe. Action thriller sequel, with Jason Statham. **11.05** The Inbetweeners
Film4
2.50 Carry On Constable (1960) **4.35** The Spiderwick Chronicles (2008) **6.25** A Knight's Tale (2001) **9.00** Boomerang (1992) **11.15** Jennifer's Body (2009)

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What's On!

SUNDAY'S TV 9.06.13

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CHOICE

Iain Stewart

Rise of the Continents BBC2, 9pm

The BBC likes its history documentaries, but this new series goes back a wee bit further than most... It sees Scottish geologist and broadcaster Professor Iain Stewart examine the very beginnings of the land masses we know today as our continents. In this opening edition, Iain takes a look at Africa, and how it was formed from the wreckage of a long-lost supercontinent. He examines all the evidence which scientists used to piece the facts together, including the landmarks, mineral wealth and wildlife, which all provide clues as to the continent's formation.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** Countryfile. (R) **1.10** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.10** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.10** Points of View. **3.25** The People's Coronation with David Dimbleby. (R) **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Countryfile.

6.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.15 Live Formula 1: Canadian Grand Prix. Suzi Perry introduces coverage of the seventh round of the season at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal (Start-time 7.00pm).

9.10 D-Day: The Last Heroes. Part one of two. Dan Snow examines how meticulous planning, espionage and 3D aerial photos helped the Allied forces gain a foothold in northern France during the Second World War. Concludes tomorrow at 9pm.

10.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.35 Have I Got Old News for You. Another chance to see the satirical quiz. (R)

11.05 Live at the Apollo. Dara O Briain presents the comedy show from the Hammersmith Apollo, featuring performances by The Inbetweeners star Greg Davies and Canadian comedian Stewart Francis. (R)

11.35 Film: Man of the Year. (2006) A talk-show host is elected president, but faces a moral dilemma when he learns his victory was caused by a computer error. Comedy, with Robin Williams.

1.25 Weatherview. **1.30** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **7.00 Film:** Christopher Strong. (1933) **8.15** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.45** The A to Z of TV Gardening. **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Chinese Food Made Easy. (R) **12.00** What to Eat Now; (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.35** EastEnders. (R) **2.25 Film:** I Confess. (1953) **4.00** Boxing. **5.30** Flog It!

6.15 Antiques Road Trip. Kate Bliss and James Lewis set off on their Scottish road trip. (R)

7.00 Peter Jones Meets. The Dragons' Den star chats to Cobra Beer chairman and co-founder Karan Bilimoria, and Charlie Mullins, who runs London-based firm Pimlico Plumbers.

8.00 Operation Snow Tiger. Part one of two. Scientists studying endangered Siberian tigers.

9.00 Rise of the Continents. New series. Geologist Professor Iain Stewart examines key moments in the development of the world's major land masses, beginning by focusing on the formation and history of Africa.

10.00 Blackadder II. Edmund embarks on a voyage around the Cape of Good Hope. (R)

10.30 History of the Eagles. Part two of two. The band's reunion in 1994.

11.40 In Concert: The Eagles. A 1973 performance by the band. (R)

12.10 What a Load of Buzzcocks. (R) **12.40** Sign Zone: The People's Coronation with David Dimbleby. (R) **1.40** Countryfile. (R) **2.35** Holby City. (R) **3.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Special Agent Oso. **6.10** Special Agent Oso. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.30** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **8.00** Sonny with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Country House Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.30 Film:** Columbo: By Dawn's Early Light. (1974) **1.30** Live French Open Tennis.

6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. New series. Chris Kamara, Rachel Riley and Stacey Solomon feature in a celebrity edition of the quiz, in which contestants answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine.

8.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot. New series. An elderly psychiatrist is murdered.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 French Open Tennis. Highlights of the men's singles final from Roland Garros.

11.45 The Unforgettable Russell Harty. Profile of the chat-show host, who became a household name in the 1970s and 80s for his staging of some revealing celebrity interviews as Michael Parkinson's main rival. (R)

12.15 The Store. **2.15** Monk. (R) **3.00** Motorsport UK. Highlights from Donington Park, featuring the Formula Ford Championship and Porsche Carrera Cup. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** Blancpain Endurance Series. **7.05** Will & Grace. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00 Film:** The Brady Bunch Movie. (1995) **3.45** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.50** Deal or No Deal. **5.50** Channel 4 News.

6.15 The Political Slot. Seema Malhotra, Labour MP for Feltham and Heston, talks about the benefits of work-experience opportunities for teenagers.

6.20 Film: Ice Age: The Meltdown. (2006) Three prehistoric animals search for a tree to use as a boat and escape the danger of a melting glacier. Animated adventure sequel, with the voices of Ray Romano and Denis Leary.

8.00 Terror in the Skies. New series. Aeronautical engineer Brendan Walker presents shocking footage of aviation incidents and near misses, and tells stories of survival and bravery in the sky.

9.00 The Returned. New series. French supernatural thriller set in a small Alpine village where a group of men, women and children do not yet know they have been dead for several years.

10.10 Film: Law Abiding Citizen. (2009) Thriller, starring Gerard Butler and Jamie Foxx.

12.20 Film: Funny Games. (2008) **2.15** St Elsewhere. (R) **3.00** Deal or No Deal. (R) **3.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.50** Countdown. (R) **5.35** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.35** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.35** Hana's Helpline. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** ThunderCats. (R) **11.00** Inside Hollywood. **11.05** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) **12.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.10 Film:** Police Academy 3: Back in Training. (1986) **2.50 Film:** Cop and a Half. (1993) **4.35 Film:** Dr Dolittle 2. (2001)

6.15 Film: Fairytale: A True Story. (1997) Fact-based drama, with Florence Hoath and Elizabeth Earl.

8.00 Once Upon a Time. Regina is suspected of murdering Archie.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Film: The Next Three Days. (2010) Premiere. Drama, starring Russell Crowe and Elizabeth Banks.

11.40 Film: 3:10 to Yuma. (2007) Western remake, starring Russell Crowe.

1.55 SuperCasino. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **5.15** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.35** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

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BBC Three

7.00 Snog, Marry, Avoid? **7.30** Great Movie Mistakes **7.40 Film:** Madagascar (2005) **9.00** Bollywood Carmen Live **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Russell Howard's Good News Extra

BBC Four

7.00 Dark Ages: An Age of Light **8.00** Aristotle's Lagoon **9.00** Britain Through a Lens: The Documentary Film Mob **10.00 Film:** The Kid with a Bike (2011) **11.20** Bobby Womack: Across 110th Street

ITV2

1.45 Britain's Got Talent: The Live Final **4.20** Britain's Got More Talent: The Live Final **5.25 Film:** Robots (2005) **7.10 Film:** Johnny English (2003) **9.00** Britain's Got More Talent Best & Worst: LOL Moments **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.50** Big Rich Texas **11.50** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Jason Donovan

ITV3

2.00 Lewis **4.00** Housewife, 49 **6.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** All the Queen's Men with Alan Titchmarsh **9.00 Film:** The Pianist (2002)

ITV4

11.30 Live British Touring Car Championship **6.00** French Open Tennis **8.00** Minder **9.00** Joey: The Man Who Conquered the TT **10.30 Film:** Nighthawks (1981)

E4

4.30 Revenge **5.30** Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** New Girl **8.00 Film:** The Wedding Planner (2001) **10.00** Inbetweeners **11.00** Alan Carr: Chatty Man

Film4

3.15 City of Ember (2008) **5.05** Addams Family Values (1993) **6.50** The Jewel of the Nile (1985) **9.00** Appaloosa (2008) **11.15** Changing Lanes (2002)

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Boy's Competition:

Sat June 29th — *Morning* - Under 8s, 10s, 13s
Afternoon - Under 7s, 15s, 16s

Sun June 30th — *Morning* - Under 9s, 12s, 14s
Afternoon - Under 7(minor),11s 18s

Girl's Competition:

Sat June 29th — *Morning* - Under 9/10s
Afternoon - Under 13/14s

Sun June 30th — *Morning* - Under 11/12s
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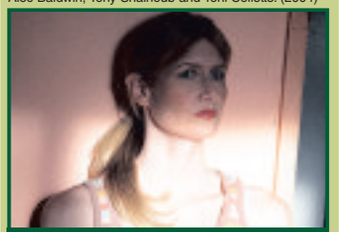
Film Choices

MONDAY
Don't Worry About Me, BBC1, 12.10am
Londoner David finds himself stranded in Liverpool after a night out and decides to head to the dog track to try to turn his pocket change into enough cash to buy a train ticket home. After following the tips of kindly stranger Tina, he achieves a big win and, to kill the hours before his train leaves, persuades her to show him around the city. Romantic drama directed by David Morrissey, starring James Brough. (2009)

TUESDAY
Jersey Girl, BBC1, 11.35pm
A heartbroken husband struggles to raise his baby daughter alone after the death of his beloved wife in childbirth. The pressure becomes too much and he loses his job, forcing him to leave New York and move in with his dad in New Jersey – but it is here where a new romance brings the promise of happiness back into his life. Kevin Smith's romantic comedy drama, with Ben Affleck, Liv Tyler and Jennifer Lopez. (2004)

WEDNESDAY
The Last Shot, BBC1, 12.05am
An FBI agent cooks up a scheme to capture an infamous Mafia boss. As part of the sting, he has to pose as a Hollywood producer – and even ends up agreeing to bankroll an aspiring director's film. However, the starstruck cop ends up putting the police operation on the back burner as he falls for the glamour of Tinseltown. Crime comedy, starring Matthew Broderick, Alec Baldwin, Tony Shalhoub and Toni Collette. (2004)



Inland Empire, Friday, ITV, 10.35pm

THURSDAY
King Solomon's Mines, Channel 4, 1.05pm
A soldier of fortune agrees to help a woman look for her husband, who went missing while searching for long-lost diamond mines in Africa. Together they journey into the uncharted heart of the vast continent, encountering danger along the way – and finding romance. Adventure based on H Rider Haggard's novel, with Stewart Granger, Deborah Kerr, Richard Carlson, Hugo Haas, Lowell Gilmore, Siriaque, Kimursi, Sekaryongo, Baziga, Munto Anampio, Ivargwema and John Banner. (1950)

FRIDAY
Inland Empire, ITV, 10.35pm
A Hollywood actress is given a coveted role in a movie based on a Polish folk tale. However, not only does she discover a previous attempt to film this story had ended in two murders, but also finds her grip on reality starting to slip as the line between fact and fiction begins to blur. David Lynch's mystery drama, starring Laura Dern, Jeremy Irons, Justin Theroux, Harry Dean Stanton, Diane Ladd, William H Macy, Julia Ormond and Naomi Watts. (2006)

Pick of the Week

Jenny hopes to make a good impression

Apart from an appointment with a doctor for 'personal problems,' the first date is pretty much as awkward as it gets. The nervous wait in the bar; the first impression; the nagging feeling that this date will end in disaster, humiliation or rejection.

Whatever your thoughts on the subject, it's a universal truth that first dates are rarely plain sailing. While some are notable only as the source of hilarious stories, they are always one thing – memorable.

This compatibility-defining ritual seems a perfect fit for TV, a point finally taken on-board by Channel 4, who have enlisted Bryan Elsley, the director behind E4's Skins, and an ensemble of fine actors to bring the cringe-inducing subject to life.

Part of the channel's Mating Season, the nine-part drama Dates takes a step into the social minefield – a place where confessions, lies, crises of confidence and sexual confusion come together with dramatic and hilarious effect. The key ingredient in the project is the acting talent, which includes Andrew Scott, who played Moriarty in BBC's Sherlock, Neil Maskell, who played a cold, measured killer in Channel 4's Utopia and Sheridan Smith, who is in pretty much everything.

Talking of awkward moments, Smith, who first made her presence known as Antony's girlfriend in The Royle Family over ten years ago, remembers one disastrous first date involving a drunken suitor who'd had one red cocktail too many: "He took me to the bus stop, and we got on the night bus, and there were no seats, so we were stood up, and as we're swaying about holding on to the bar, I could see him turning slightly green. And before I knew it, I had red sick all down my dress."

It's the stuff of nightmares, and the kind of story we've heard countless times from friends, but when it comes to her character Jenny, a lonely school teacher, does she have any more luck? "The first one is with Neil Maskell, who's an amazing actor… when I heard he was in it, I was thrilled. And he was so lovely. Not like his character, put it that way! And then in my other episode, it was with Andrew Scott, who's a friend of mine who I've worked with before. There's a lot of laughter in that episode, and thank goodness, because we literally could not stop laughing."

A mixed bag, then, which sums up her choice of roles in recent years. From comedic outings in Benidorm and Gavin and Stacey, to serious roles like that of Charmian Biggs, wife of train robber Ronnie, in the ITV drama Mrs Biggs – for which she won a Bafta – it seems she succeeds in everything she does. A point proven by the fact that Dustin Hoffman gave her a role in his film Quartet after being moved to tears by her performance on stage in Flare Path.

Buses and vomit aside, Smith is clear on how her perfect first date should go: "I'm animal-mad, so my ideal date would probably be something involving going to see animals. And it's always nice to be swept off your feet a little bit. But my big thing is, make me laugh."

Sheridan Smith stars in Dates, Tuesday, Channel 4, 10pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY
EastEnders
BBC1, 8pm
A lot has changed since Peter was last in Walford – his stepmum Jane has left, his twin sister has a new face, and his childhood sweetheart Lauren Branning is now an alcoholic. But the development that's puzzling him the most is why Lucy is now running the café instead of Ian. His dad is forced to explain about his breakdown, but also implies that Lucy took advantage of his vulnerable state to launch a hostile takeover of the Beale empire. Naturally, Lucy is keen to defend herself, but instead of trying to get the prodigal Beale back on side, perhaps she'd be better off asking him what he's been up to for the last three years, and just why he's suddenly returned…

The Gadget Show
Channel 5, 8pm
This week's show features Rachel Riley's report on the revolution in TV tech. Suffering for her art again, Pollyanna Woodward has jetted off to California to test a submersible and a water-propelled stunt bike, while Jon Bentley gives us a demo of convertible laptops for the new Windows 8 operating system. He's assisted by Jonathan Slinger, Paralympic rower James Roe, artist Kyle Lambert and Britain's fastest touch-typist Bethan Davis. And if that's not enough to pique your interest, there's also Two Door Cinema Club passing judgement on assorted music-streaming sites. In fact the only thing missing is the marvellous Suzi Perry. Let's hope producers finally see sense and let her back into the fold.

TUESDAY
Gibraltar: Britain in the Sun
Channel 5, 8pm
Sitting in the mouth of the Mediterranean, the British Overseas Territory of Gibraltar has long held a far greater significance than its size would otherwise suggest. But what's life like for the people living on the two and a half-square-mile rock? This enjoyable documentary aims to find out, by following some of the 30,000 natives, ex-pats and tourists who make their home among the slopes, sunshine and Barbary macaques of the island. They include Dr Eric Shaw, who is in charge of looking after the monkeys, and police officer Dylan Quigley, who has a few complications with an arrest.

WEDNESDAY
All Star Mr & Mrs
ITV, 8pm
One of the delights of tuning into the show is finding out which selection of guests will be appearing – the juxtaposition of some of them is, at times, rather weird and wonderful. That's definitely the case this week, when Ricky Tomlinson, who's still best known for his role as Jim in The Royle Family, and his wife Rita feature alongside runner Paula Radcliffe and her husband, coach Gary Lough. Also appearing will be Strictly Come Dancing professionals Ola and James Jordan; seeing as they both work and live together, they must know each other rather well, or so you would think.

The Iraq War
BBC2, 9pm
The first two programmes in this fascinating series have looked back the conflict, but the final edition brings the story right up to date. Former foreign secretary Jack Straw reveals how he and US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice made Iraq's Prime Minister Ibrahim Jaafaari step down, but the problem of finding somebody to replace him then reared its ugly head. Stephen Hadley, US National Security Advisor, explains that it was delegates from his country who suggested Nouri Maliki was an excellent choice – and sure enough, he took office in 2006. But it's the report on the levels of violence still prevalent in Iraq that send the most shivers down the spine.

Big Brother: Secrets & Lies Live Launch Part 1, Thursday, Channel 5, 9pm

THURSDAY
Big Brother: Secrets & Lies Live Launch Part 1, Channel 5, 9pm
Emma Willis has taken over as presenter of the returning reality show, which is hardly surprising considering she did such as good show of fronting the sister show, Big Brother's Bit on the Side. The fly-on-the-wall reality show is now on its 14th season, and the scary thing is many teenagers have never known a time without the Diary Room, Marcus Bentley's narration or the assorted wannabe celebs who started off as Guinea pigs and wound up using the show as a launch pad to kick start their own showbiz career. This time the Orwellian abode has had an eco-style makeover in line with this year's self-sufficiency theme.

FRIDAY
Harbour Lives
ITV, 8pm
Usually, when Ben Fogle turns up on our screens, it's because he's trekking up a mountain, rowing across the Atlantic or roughing it in a yurt in Alaska. So this new series, which finds him exploring Dorset, should feel like a real holiday – especially as he begins his journey in Sandbanks. As you'd expect, properties with such an exclusive address come with a hefty price tag attached, and estate agent Adrian Dunford reveals his company sold £50million-worth of bricks and mortar there last year alone. To see exactly what £5million will get you in Sandbanks, Ben takes a tour of one of the properties currently up for sale.

Big Brother's Bit on the Side
Channel 5, 10.30pm
If you fancy a successful career in showbusiness, you could do worse than front a Big Brother spin-off show. After all Dermot O'Leary, Russell Brand and Emma Willis have all earned their stripes reporting on latest developments in the Big Brother house. Bouncing from one reality show to the next is X Factor reject and Celebrity Big Brother winner Rylan Clark, who will be adding his pearls of wisdom to the proceedings.

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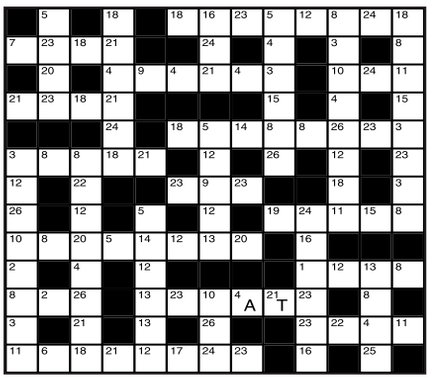

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

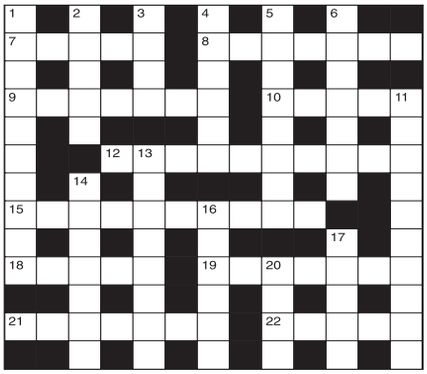
Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. A payment for a coral island (5)
8. Moral consideration of little weight? (7)
9. Hold in great affection (7)
10. Emblem of the brave (5)
12. They promise good, but bring none (5,5)
15. Makes a translation the printer set all wrong (10)
18. Seems to make appearances (5)
19. Not to agree to a full reorganisation (4,3)
21. He hopes to have a successful run (7)
22. A fascinating creature newly risen (5)

Down

1. But she's unlikely to rush into marriage! (6,4)
2. It's charitable to give its benefit (5)
3. Some simple answer as an excuse (4)
4. Value fools to a point (6)
5. A note of whimsy? (8)
6. Grave words (7)
11. Support for a player (5,5)
13. Stopped sorting out re-treads (8)
14. A prize for waste! (7)
16. It helps to keep a roof over one's head (6)
17. The directors don't sound very keen (5)
20. Failed - for want of direction? (4)



Quick Clues:

Across

7. Sullen (5)
8. Bowers (7)
9. Rich (7)
10. Entice (5)
12. Loud-voiced (10)
15. Arsonist (10)
18. Artless (5)
19. Suffer (7)
21. Spin (7)
22. Short (5)

Down

1. Burden (10)
2. Sham (5)
3. Kind (4)
4. Hurry (6)
5. Slaughterhouse (8)
6. Tumult (7)
11. System of musical notation (5,3-2)
13. Fondly (8)
14. Attain (7)
16. Hardened (6)
17. Coach (5)
20. Liability (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Scratched; 8 Ego; 9 Well-endowed; 11 Heave to; 12 Guide; 13 Scions; 15 Fright; 17 Might; 18 Imprint; 20 Opera singer; 22 Eel; 23 Sceptical. Down: 2 Cue; 3 There; 4 Hudson; 5 Dowager; 6 Wedding ring; 7 Hottentot; 10 Leading role; 11 Hush money; 14 Nutmegs; 16 Pirate; 19 Point; 21 Era. QUICK - Across: 1 Quintuple; 8 One; 9 Declaration; 11 Tangles; 12 Their; 13 Avenge; 15 Lesion; 17 Satan; 18 Absence; 20 Arrangement; 22 Rot; 23 Literally. Down: 2 Use; 3 Trail; 4 Praise; 5 Epistle; 6 Convenience; 7 Deference; 10 Concentrate; 11 Transport; 14 General; 16 Magnet; 19 Steer; 21 Nil.

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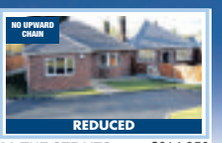
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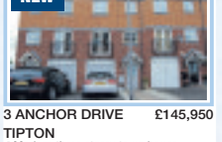

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- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D

113 VIEWFIELD CRES O/A £74,950
SEDGLEY
- First floor flat
- One bedroom
- Own entrance hall
- Communal gardens
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING C

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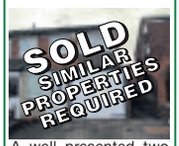
TIPTON
Watts Close



A well presented two bedroom semi detached house with lounge, dining room, kitchen, driveway, garage and gardens to the rear

£109,950

DUDLEY
Attingham Drive

A four bedroom three storey detached family home with two reception rooms, kitchen/family room, two en-suite shower rooms, roof terrace with views of Dudley Castle, driveway, garage, garden to the rear. Viewing is essential

£239,950

DUDLEY
Himley Road

A pair of former 2 storey semi-detached properties, constructed in the 1930s and subsequently converted for use as a care home. Accommodation comprises 20 single rooms. There is a large lawn to the front of the property leading onto a small car parking area. The property is in need of extensive internal and external refurbishment.

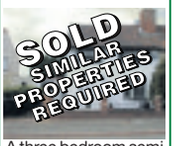
£299,950

TIVIDALE
Tower Road

Set in a corner position this three bedroom semi detached house briefly comprises of porch, hallway, lounge, kitchen with dining area, utility room, garage and driveway to the rear and gardens to the front, side and rear

£125000 o/o

SEDGLEY
Townsend Avenue



A three bedroom semi detached house with lounge, dining area, kitchen, downstairs wc, driveway and garden to the rear

£104,950

DUDLEY
Priory Road

A three bedroom semi detached house situated on a generous corner plot with hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen with dining area, downstairs bathroom, upstairs wc, driveway to the rear and gardens to the front and rear

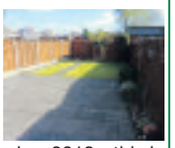
£104,950

DUDLEY
Norman Street

A beautifully presented and deceptively spacious three storey end terraced house with two bedrooms, two reception rooms, large kitchen, utility room, downstairs shower room, first floor family bathroom and garden to the rear

£94,950

OLDBURY
Roway Lane



Available from December 2013 - this is a three bedroom semi detached house with kitchen, lounge with dining area, bathroom, driveway, garage to the rear and gardens to the front and rear

£94,950

COSELEY
Cherrywood Close

A three bedroom detached house with lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, downstairs cloakroom with wc, upstairs bathroom, conservatory, garden and parking to the rear

£139,950

TIVIDALE
Elm Terrace

A two bedroom semi detached house which is immaculate throughout and briefly comprises of hallway, lounge, dining kitchen, upstairs shower room, driveway and a good sized garden to the rear

£114,950

COSELEY
Ivyhouse Lane

REDUCED BY £10000 FOR A FAST SALE. A deceptively spacious traditional two bedroom "butt" style detached house with many original features. The house briefly comprises of hallway, lounge, dining room, larger than average kitchen, sun room, downstairs wc, large bathroom, driveway and an extensive garden to the rear

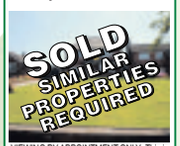
£124,950 o/o

TIPTON
Anchor Drive

A beautiful modern semi detached house with hallway, downstairs wc, fitted kitchen, lounge, upstairs family bathroom with separate shower, two double bedrooms, rear garden with patio area and driveway to the front. Viewing is highly recommended

£109,950

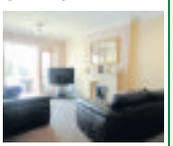
SEDGLEY
Gospel Oak Road



VIEWING BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. This is the first time this property has ever been marketed since being built in 1950's. A rare opportunity to purchase a delightful three bedroom detached house with accommodation briefly comprising of hallway, lounge, dining kitchen, large sun room, bathroom, separate wc, sweeping driveway to the front and an extensive garden to the rear

£249,950

TIVIDALE
Pendennis Drive



A three bedroom semi detached house situated in a cul de sac location and briefly comprising of lounge with dining area, modern fitted kitchen, conservatory, upstairs shower room, front and rear gardens, garage and driveway

£139,950

NETHERTON
Bell Road

An end terraced house which is in need of some modernisation with lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, cellar, two double bedrooms and an enclosed garden to the rear

£79,950

NETHERTON
Gads Green

A beautifully presented, spacious four bedroom detached property briefly comprising of downstairs WC, lounge with a walk-in-bay, dining room with patio doors to the rear garden, modern fitted kitchen with breakfast area, spacious master bedroom having fitted wardrobes and en-suite, family bathroom, garage with internal access. Delightful large rear garden with a patio area and ample off road parking.

£239,950

TIPTON
Harrowby Drive

A one bed 1st floor studio flat in culd-de-sac location - clean and tidy, lounge/bedroom, kitchen, WC/Shower. DSS accepted with guarantor. Available now, unfurnished

£310 PCM

COSELEY
Bank Street

A modern, one bedroom ground floor apartment. Lounge, fitted kitchen, one double bedroom, bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Electric heating, shops nearby. Off road parking, unfurnished, no DSS, no pets.

£375 PCM

DUDLEY
Hallchurch Road

One bedroom 1st floor flat. The upper floor of a converted detached house. Access is via a driveway,with off road parking. Fitted kitchen to include cooker and bathroom with corner bath and shower. New carpet to be fitted in bedroom. Unfurnished.

£395 PCM

DUDLEY
Ruiton Street

A brand new one bed apartment in the popular Lower Gornal area, with secure off road parking. Having a lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom. Unfurnished, no DSS, no pets. Available now.

£450 PCM

DUDLEY
High Street

A modern 2nd floor apartment. Two double bedrooms, open plan fitted kitchen/lounge, two bathrooms/WCs, secure entryphone. Unfurnished, DSS considered with guarantor, available to view now.

£450 PCM

DUDLEY
Heathcliff Road

A two bedroom mid terrace house. Lounge, dining room with fitted kitchen off, garden room to rear. Upstairs bathroom/WC and shower over the bath. Garden to rear, paved area to the front. Unfurnished. DSS considered with guarantor, pets considered.

£495 PCM

DUDLEY
Hilderic Crescent

A two bed first floor flat. Newly refurbished throughout to a very high standard, including new carpets. Good sized lounge, modern fitted kitchen, bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Unfurnished. No DSS, no pets. Garden to rear. Available now for long term rental

£495 PCM

OLDBURY
Birchfield Crescent

A three bed mid terrace house, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Rear garden. Unfurnished, available now. No DSS, no pets. Parking available via permit from Sandwell council (£25 p/yr)

£550 PCM

DUDLEY
Grosvenor Road

A three bedroomed bungalow with garage to rear, good sized lounge, separate dining room/bedroom 3, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom/WC with shower over the bath, Gardens to front and rear. Unfurnished, available to view now.

£595 PCM

NETHERTON
Cradley Road

A detached family home with double glazing and central heating. Modern fitted kitchen, two reception rooms with patio doors to rear garden. Off road parking and front garden, unfurnished, available for viewing and long term let. No DSS, no pets.

£600 PCM

DUDLEY
Russell Street

A five bed semi detached house with double glazing and central heating, driveway to front. Two reception rooms to the front, a further dining room to the rear, fitted kitchen, utility room off with plumbing for washing machine, walk-in shower and WC. There are some built-in wardrobes and storage cupboards. Garden to rear. Available now for long term, DSS considered with guarantor and deposit, no pets.

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163 LINTHOUSE LANE, WEDNESFIELD

Looking out towards open fields, modern Detached, extended accommodation, two large reception, kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom, car port, gardens + large BUILDING PLOT with Planning Permission

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25 ASHLEY STREET, BILSTON

Mid Terraced, open outlook, big accommodation, Gas CH., two reception, kitchen, w.c., three bedrooms, huge bathroom, gardens.

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18 WINDSOR ROAD, PARKFIELDS, WOLVERHAMPTON

Conveniently located, smartly presented and spacious Detached residence with double glazing and Gas C.H., fitted cloaks, two reception, large kitchen, laundry, three bedrooms, bathroom, off-road parking

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Guide £60,000 / £65,000

125 JEFFCOCK ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON

Large Victorian Detached, Gas CH., hall, two reception, breakfast room, kitchen, three bedrooms, white bathroom, large outside store, garden

VIEWING FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 7th & 8th JUNE @ 12.00 noon

Guide £90,000 / £100,000

5 SUMMERFIELD ROAD, WEST PARK

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£394,950

SEDGLEY

MODEN HILL

A beautifully appointed detached cottage that has recently been restored and extended and briefly comprises a spacious sitting room / reception room, a magnificent lounge, a superb fitted kitchen, a guest cloakroom, three double bedrooms, a luxury bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a driveway and attractive gardens that enjoy panoramic views of the local countryside and beyond. EPC rating C

£334,950

SEDGLEY

NORTHWAY

A five-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a fabulous lounge, a conservatory, a fitted kitchen, a master bedroom en-suite, four further bedrooms, a family bathroom, a utility room, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden overlooking local farmland. EPC rating E

£289,950

LOWER GORNAL

CEDARWOOD ROAD

A three-bedroom split level home that is arranged on two floors and briefly comprises a reception hall, a magnificent lounge with panoramic views, a dining room, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a detached double garage and a delightful garden with views of Ellowes Hall sports field and open countryside beyond. EPC rating D

£239,950

SEDGLEY

NORTHWAY

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a separate sitting room, a dining area, a magnificent kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, a downstairs wc, a utility room with access to a storage room, a master bedroom en suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing (where stated), gas fired central heating and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating E

£224,950

SEDGLEY

WOMBOURNE CLOSE

A four-bedroom link detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a dining room, a superb fitted kitchen, a master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a carport, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating C

£214,950

LOWER GORNAL

REDHALL ROAD

A three-bedroom detached home that has a separate detached annexe that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a verandah, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating and attractive gardens. EPC rating E

£204,950

MILKING BANK

CAERNARVON WAY

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a magnificent fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a conservatory, a utility room, a downstairs WC, four bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D.

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£164,950

SEDGLEY

NORTHWAY

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a sitting room / dining room, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating E

£156,950

SEDGLEY

PENNS WOOD CLOSE

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a spacious lounge, a conservatory, a fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£153,950

SEDGLEY

TURLS HILL ROAD

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden. EPC rating E

£149,950

SEDGLEY

KINETON RISE

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that enjoys a delightful cul-de-sac location and briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a separate dining room, a fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, a driveway that extends to the side of the property, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating C

£149,950

FAIRVIEW PARK

MANDERSTON CLOSE

A two-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a lounge, a superb fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a downstairs w/c, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a pleasant rear garden with distant views. EPC rating C

£124,950

LOWER GORNAL

RUITON STREET

NO CHAIN. A two bedroom end terraced home that briefly comprises a lounge, a conservatory, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen, a guest cloakroom, two double bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and a garage situated at the rear of the property. EPC rating C.

£119,950

SEDGLEY

GREENWAY

A three-bedroom end terraced home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a separate dining room, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three good sized bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a rear garden. EPC rating E

£116,950

SEDGLEY

DUDLEY ROAD

A two-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a conservatory, a fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, allocated parking and a pleasant garden. EPC rating D

£109,950

HURST HILL

CLIFTON STREET

A two-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a lounge, a dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a pleasant rear garden with panoramic views. EPC rating C

£104,950

SEDGLEY

DUDLEY ROAD

A two-bedroom mid terraced home that briefly comprises a lounge, a dining room, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a verandah, two double bedrooms, a bathroom UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating and a rear garden. EPC rating tba

£99,950

ASHDALE PARK

CARDONESS PLACE

A 50% shared ownership property that briefly comprises a reception porch, a lounge, a superb fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a bathroom, double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a rear garden. EPC rating C

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- Pleasant rear garden • Quiet location Energy Rating: TBC

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- Semi-detached home in convenient position • Three bedrooms
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- Central heating • Double glazing • No upward chain Energy Rating: TBC

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LOWER GORNAL

- Surprisingly spacious semi-detached home • Three bedrooms
- Living room plus dining area • Fitted kitchen • Upstairs bathroom
- Central heating and double glazing (where specified) • Quiet position
- Private rear garden Energy Rating: D

£105,000

FARRINGTON ROAD
ETTINGSHALL PARK

- Detached family home • Spacious accommodation
- Three double bedrooms • 25ft Living room • Central heating
- Double glazing • Popular location • NO UPWARD CHAIN

Energy Rating: F

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UPPER GORNAL

- Mid-Terraced Property with FOUR Bedrooms
- Deceptively Spacious Family Home • Two Reception Rooms
- Central Heating, Double Glazing • Popular Location
- Interior Viewing Recommended Energy Rating: D

Reduced to £114,950

CROSS LANE
SEDGLEY

- Corner position • Semi-detached family home
- Three bedrooms • Lounge diner • Central heating
- Double glazing • Off road parking • Spacious accommodation

Energy Rating: D

£107,995 Limited Time Only

MULBERRY GREEN
GREENS ESTATE

- Semi-detached family home with three bedrooms • 18ft Living room
- Double glazed conservatory • Dining kitchen • Central heating
- Double glazing • No upward chain • Spacious accommodation

Energy Rating: C

Reduced to £89,995

LAUREL ROAD
DUDLEY

- Spacious semi-detached • Three bedrooms • Lounge plus dining area
- Double glazed conservatory • Downstairs WC
- Central heating, double glazing • Rear garden
- Off road parking • Ideal first time buy Energy Rating: D

Reduced to £103,950

KENT STREET
UPPER GORNAL

- Ideal investment or first time buy • Two bedroom end-terraced
- Lounge, kitchen, utility area, cellar • Bathroom with 'white' suite
- Central heating (combi boiler) • Double glazing (where specified)
- Private rear garden • No upward chain Energy Rating: E

Reduced to £79,950

HILL STREET
UPPER GORNAL

- Well presented ground floor flat • Bedroom, lounge, kitchen
- Bathroom • Central heating, double glazing • Off road parking
- Viewing recommended • Ideal first time buy Energy Rating: D

£75,950

CAMBERLEY CRESCENT
ETTINGSHALL PARK

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Offers Around £149,950

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UPPER GORNAL

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NORTHWAY, SEDGLEY

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THE ALLEY
LOWER GORNAL

- A delightful detached cottage • Refurbished to a good standard
- FANTASTIC POSITION • VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- Two bedrooms • Living room with 'Cast Iron' fuel burner
- Fitted kitchen • Downstairs Cloaks • Ample off road parking

Energy Rating: D

Reduced to £219,950

DOVEDALE ROAD
ETTINGSHALL PARK

- Well presented semi-detached home • Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms • Central heating • Double glazing
- Parking plus garage • Good size rear garden Energy Rating:TBC

£162,500

HIMLEY AVENUE
DUDLEY

- Semi-detached family home • Three bedrooms
- Lounge, dining room, study • Kitchen plus utility
- Off road parking • Central heating • Double glazing
- A well presented home • VIEWING RECOMMENDED Energy Rating: C

Offers Around £149,950

QUEENS ROAD
SEDGLEY

- Semi-detached family home • Three bedrooms
- Lounge with bay window • Dining room • Kitchen
- Spacious bathroom • Central heating and double glazing
- Popular location • NO UPWARD CHAIN Energy Rating: E

Reduced to £139,995

VALLEY ROAD
UPPER GORNAL

- Semi-detached home • Three bedrooms • Lounge
- Dining kitchen • Downstairs cloaks • Central heating
- Double glazing • Off road parking • Popular location Energy Rating: D

Reduced to £99,995

OLD PARK ROAD

- EXTENDED Semi-detached • Spacious home with three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms • 17ft Kitchen • Central heating, double glazing
- Pleasant rear garden • Off road parking • No upward chain

£127,500

OLD PARK ROAD

- Semi-detached with three bedrooms • Two reception rooms
- Kitchen plus verandah • Heating, double glazing • Off road parking
- Conveniently positioned • Requiring some modernisation works

£114,950

PEBWORTH GROVE

- Refurbished modern style semi-detached home • Two bedrooms
- A very well presented property
- Modernised kitchen and bathroom

£109,950

TURNERS HILL ROAD

- Spacious semi-detached home • Three bedrooms
- 21ft Living room • Dining kitchen • Heating and double glazing
- Useful work shop with WC • Off road parking Energy Rating: D

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SPRINGFIELD GROVE

- EXTREMELY WELL PRESENTED First floor flat • Lounge, bedroom
- Stylish kitchen • Bathoom • Central heating, Double glazing
- MUST BE VIEWED • Walking distance to Sedgley Energy Rating: C

£69,500

ROSEVILLE COURT

- Conveniently positioned two bedroom flat • Lounge
- kitchen, bathroom • Heating • Double glazing • No upward chain
- Spacious home • Ideal first time buy or investment Energy Rating: E

£46,500

SCHOOL STREET

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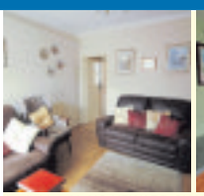
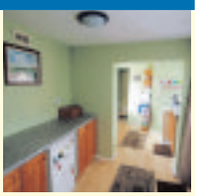
2 Bed Meeting Street, NETHERTON

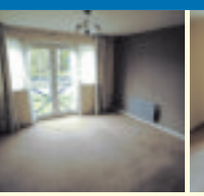
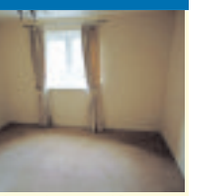



Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and requiring a little TLC but offering great potential, with the possibility to extend to the side or possibly even build a new property (subject to planning). It comprises: two reception rooms, extended kitchen, ground floor shower room, separate wc and two really good sized bedrooms. Externally are two gardens, one that extends to the side of the property and around the garage to the front. Viewing is highly recommended to see the full potential.

EPC:E

Netherton Office | Offers Around £89,950

2 Bed Purlin Wharf, NETHERTON

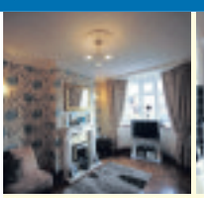



Available with no upward chain, this spacious ground floor apartment has lovely views across the local waterway. Accommodation comprises of entrance hall, lounge with views across the local waterway, modern fitted kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, second bedroom and bathroom. Having the benefit of allocated parking, viewing is highly recommended.

EPC:D

Netherton Office | £79,950

3 Bed Quarry Road, DUDLEY WOOD

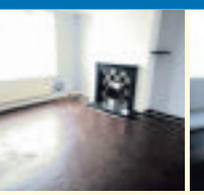


We are delighted to offer for sale this immaculately presented three bedroom traditional semi detached property. Internal accommodation comprises of entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, dining room, conservatory, three bedrooms and bathroom/wc. Externally there is a beautiful rear garden with a games room at the rear of the garden and a blocked paved driveway providing off road parking.

EPC;E

Netherton Office | Offers Around £160,000

3 Bed Clent View Road, HALESOWEN

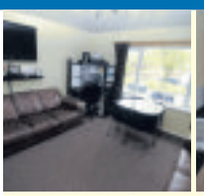


Available with no upward chain and requiring a little 'tlc' this spacious three bedroom semi detached property with accommodation comprising of an entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, first floor landing, three bedrooms and house bathroom. Externally to the front is a driveway for a number of vehicles and to the rear is a good sized garden. Viewing highly recommended.

EPC:D

Halesowen Office | £89,950

2 Bed Central Drive, LOWER GORNAL

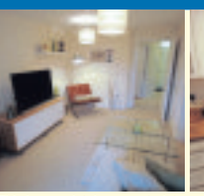


We are delighted to offer for sale this well presented and spacious second floor flat, situated in this convenient location with good access to local amenities offering an ideal first time purchase or investment opportunity and benefitting from gas central heating, double glazing and accommodation to comprise of Entrance Hallway, Two double bedrooms, Kitchen, Lounge and Modern Bathroom. The property also benefits from ample car parking to the fore and loft space.

EPC:C

Netherton Office | Offers Around £69,950

3 Bed Bloomfield Road, TIPTON

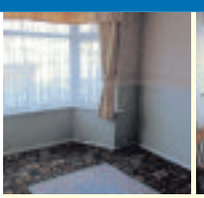


This immaculately presented town house with allocated OFF ROAD PARKING offers a fantastic opportunity for a discerning buyer with spacious accommodation comprising of: entrance hall, guest w.c., lounge with French Doors opening to the rear garden, modern fitted kitchen, on the first floor are two bedrooms and the house bathroom while on the top floor you will find a lovely master bedroom with en-suite shower room and walk in wardrobe! A viewing is absolutely essential to appreciate this great home.

EPC:B

Netherton Office | Offers Around £139,950

3 Bed Sledmore Road, DUDLEY

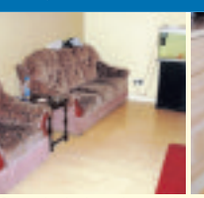
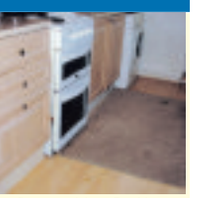


A three bedroom semi-detached family home in this popular location available to let mid June. Benefitting from double glazing and gas centrally heated accommodation to include: Two reception rooms, a sun room, three bedrooms and bathroom. To the rear is a low maintenance paved garden. No DSS, no smoking, no pets.
DEPOSIT: £525
ADMINISTRATION FEE PAYABLE- ASK FOR DETAILS

EPC:E

Netherton Office | £525 PCM

1 Bed Halesowen Road, NETHERTON

Conveniently situated one bedroom flat comprising: Double glazed Entrance door, kitchen, lounge, spacious bathroom, stairs off kitchen leading to bedroom. Outside there is a paved patio and communal parking area. Available immediately. NO PETS| NO SMOKERS| NO DSS.
DEPOSIT: £440
ADMINISTRATION FEE PAYABLE- ASK FOR DETAILS

EPC:E

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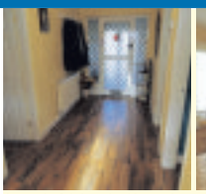
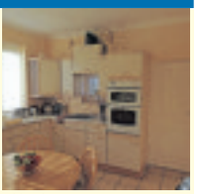
2 Bed Bromley, BRIERLEY HILL

A wonderful detached bungalow, with a large garage, two bedrooms, lounge with multi-fuel burner, conservatory, utility room and kitchen-diner. Modernisation includes double glazing, gas central heating and mobility ramps where needed. You will also get a dual-access gated driveway and a beautifully flat rear garden. So get in quick and call 01384 444645 to arrange a viewing.

EPC:E

Stourbridge Office — Offers Around £165,000

3 Bed Cradley Road, Netherton

A superb and well presented spacious three bedroom detached property. Benefitting from entrance hall, downstairs w.c, dining room, beautiful fitted kitchen, lounge, en-suite to master bedroom, rear garden, off road parking for two cars, gas central heating and double glazing. No upward chain.

EPC:C

Netherton Office — Offers Around £149,950

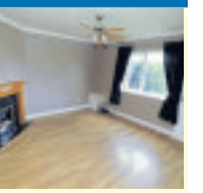
2 Bed Golden Hillock Road, NETHERTON

We are delighted to offer for sale this two bedroom semi-detached home in need of some minor updating, the property has accommodation to comprise of lounge, breakfast kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property also benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, ample off road parking, garage and rear garden. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, an early viewing is highly recommended.

EPC:D

Netherton Office — Offers Around £95,000

2 Bed Exeter Road, NETHERTON

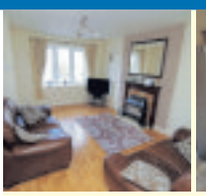


This much improved and extended semi-detached house offers good sized, extended accommodation to comprise of; entrance hallway, lounge, fantastically refitted kitchen, dining room which is currently in need of some finishings, two bedrooms and a refitted bathroom. It also benefits from being gas centrally heated and double glazed and occupies a corner plot providing ample off road parking and front and rear gardens. View now!

EPC:D

Netherton Office — Offers Over £95,000

3 Bed St Marks Road, DUDLEY

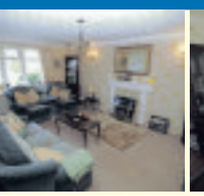


This immaculately presented three bedroom end terraced home situated at the end of this quiet cul-de-sac, with good access to all local amenities and the road network. It benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, ample off road parking, landscaped rear garden and has accommodation to comprise of entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen diner, three bedrooms and a re-fitted family bathroom to the first floor. An early viewing is strongly recommended to avoid missing out!

EPC:C

Netherton Office — Offers Around £125,000

3 Bed Gayfield Avenue, BRIERLEY HILL



This well presented detached property is located on this ever popular estate and within walking distance of local primary and secondary schools. Having extended accommodation to comprise Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Extended Kitchen Diner to the Ground Floor,Three bedrooms and a re-fitted bathroom. Benefitting from off road parking, garage, landscaped rear garden, gas central heating and double glazing, viewing is a must!

EPC:C

Stourbridge Office — Offers Around £149,950

2 Bed Ryan Place, NETHERTON

A two bedroom period end terraced house which is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location but is within easy reach of local shops and amenities. The property briefly comprises: two reception rooms, re-fitted kitchen, upstairs bathroom, partial double glazing and central heating system. Available beginning of June. DSS CONSIDERED, no pets.
DEPOSIT: £575
ADMINISTRATION FEE PAYABLE- ASK FOR DETAILS

EPC:D

Netherton Office — £460 PCM

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Wall Heath

Brook Street

Set within LARGE GARDENS and GROUNDS (0.25 acre approx.), backing onto the Brook with field beyond, this SUBSTANTIAL DETACHED DORMER BUNGALOW provides a LARGE layout of VERSATILE and WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: reception hall, large lounge, second sitting room, dining room, fitted kitchen, laundry room, third reception room/bedroom four, ground floor shower room, THREE FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS and FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM. The property is set beyond the HUGE FRONT/ SIDE IN & OUT DRIVEWAY and enjoying a VERY LARGE BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN with COUNTRYSIDE VIEWS plus TIMBER GARAGE/STORE. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£287,500

Wordsley

Hainult Close

This is a rare opportunity to purchase an IMMACULATE, BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED AND IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS, MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME within this small exclusive cul de sac, just off prestigious Cot Lane, enjoying a PLEASANTLY SECLUDED FRONT OUTLOOK with established trees to the fore and internally comprising: reception hall, impressive large lounge with walk in bay, separate dining room, attractively refitted breakfast kitchen with appliances, ground floor w.c., FOUR GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS (master with en suite shower room) and beautiful luxury re-appointed house bathroom. With beautifully maintained front garden, DRIVEWAY with approach to CARPORT and GARAGE and enjoying a BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£274,950

DUDLEY

Dibdale Road West

A meticulously maintained, tremendously enhanced, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated Kendrick built double fronted detached in favoured/now well established neighbourhood. Superb accommodation includes L-shape reception hall, store, fitted cloakroom with white suite, upgraded through dining kitchen with a fine range of 'light beech' effect units, various integrated appliances & double french doors out to the garden. Through living room with patio doors through to a magnificent uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY (13' x 12'4"), three bedrooms (principal bedroom with recently reappointed shower room en suite), bathroom, lengthy driveway, substantial brick garage, delightful secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £185,950

Kingswinford

Cumberland Close

Enjoying an excellent corner position within this very popular cul de sac, just off Auckland Road, this THOUGHTFULLY ALTERED & IMPROVED MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers VERSATILE and GENEROUS accommodation, including THREE SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS and comprising: Reception Hall, ground floor W.C, Lounge, large Sitting Room / Office, delightful Conservatory Extension, separate Dining Room, fitted kitchen, ground floor Wet Room, THREE FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS, Bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With attractive fore garden, DRIVEWAY + PAVED FOURCOURT with POTENTIAL CARPORT / SIDE SHELTER and a beautifully laid out rear garden with three useful sheds (all with power). KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£219,950

KINGSWINFORD

Lydgate Road

Enjoying a generous corner position within this sought after cul de sac address upon the popular Crestwood Park development, this MODERN SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW is enhanced by a GARAGE plus DRIVEWAY/PARKING to the rear and internally REQUIRES UPDATING, but provides excellent potential to improve the SPACIOUS accommodation, comprising: reception hall, spacious large lounge, kitchen, TWO GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, classic white bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and PART UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set back beyond lawns to both the front and side and enjoying an ATTRACTIVE LEVEL REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£144,950

COSELEY

Cherrywood Close

An atttractive, double glazed & gas centrally heated, modern style detached family home constructed by Morris Homes and conveniently situated for local amenities/transport links. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, stylish lounge,dining room, kitchen, splendid CONSERVATORY addition, three bedrooms, bathrom with white suite, two allocated spaces & a neat rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

WORDSLEY

Cooknell Drive

Occupying a pleasant corner position within this small, sought after modern development with attractive views towards Wordsley s Holy Trinity Church, this MODERN SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE is convenient for local shops / amenities and offers a WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, TWO BEDROOMS and Shower Room. With small fore garden plus block paved forecourt, TARMAC DRIVEWAY and pleasant rear garden which is laid out for low maintenance purposes. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£124,950

KINGSWINFORD

Burnham Close

Very pleasantly located within this popular address upon the highly sought after High Acres development, this SPACIOUS MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME is enhanced by the GARAGE plus ADDITIONAL DRIVE/PARKING to the rear and offers WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation which was REWIRED OCTOBER 2011, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, CAVITY WALL INSULATION and comprising: Reception Hall, impressively spacious Lounge, attractively fitted Kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS and Bathroom. With FRONT DRIVEWAY which requires some improvement, but provides off-road parking for two cars and, to the rear, enjoying a pleasant patio / lawned garden which enjoys a southerly aspect. EPC Rating C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£122,500

BROCKMOOR

High Street

This modern style, Double Glazed, gas centrally heated, Three Bedroom Semi Detached home would now ideally benefit from certain cosmetic improvement / upgrading, yet OFFERS EXCELLENT POTENTIAL. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Good Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front / Rear Gardens, and Parking to Rear. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£119,950

LOWER GORNAL

Autumn Drive

This beautifully presented, traditional style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, and an internal inspection is highly recommended, The conscientiously maintained property briefly comprises; entrance hall, spacious through lounge, refitted kitchen. Three good size bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite. Driveway and rear garden with distant views. EPC Rating: TBA. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950

DUDLEY

Blackthorne Road

This concientiously maintained, considerably improved, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, stylish lounge/dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, guests w.c. three bedrooms, refitted shower room, hardstanding to front & a pleasant rear garden. EPC: TBA. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £117,500

COSELEY

Elmdale Road

AN EXTENDED, modernised, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached comprising enlarged porch, reception hall, through living/dining room (previously separate rooms), extended/refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'chestnut' effect units & various integrated appliances, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, three bedrooms, reappointed shower room with stylish white suite, shared drive to the brick garage, good size secluded rear garden. Mining search available. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,950

HOLLY HALL

Hallchurch Road

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed, Two Bedroom Semi Detached home provides well proportioned living space, and may be of particular interest to FIRST TIME BUYERS. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Driveway, and a pleasant Rear Garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£99,995

COSELEY

Bourne Street

A tremendously modernised & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed, traditional, intermediate terrace of character in popular established district. Accommodation provides; sitting room, inner lobby, dining room, rear lobby, kitchen, vestibule, bathroom. THREE BEDROOMS. Delightful lengthy landscaped rear garden (with recent fencing), MINING HISTORY AVAILABLE. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £97,500

DUDLEY WOOD

Orchard Road

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home would now ideally benefit from sympathetic modernisation / improvement, yet retains excellent potential. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, through lounge, dining kitchen, three bedrooms, wet room, and a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£89,950

BRIERLEY HILL

Eastern Avenue

This traditional style, gas centrally heated, Three Bedroom Semi Detached Home may be of particular interest to FIRST TIME BUYERS or YOUNG FAMILIES, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises; Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Kitchen, Guest WC, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite, Driveway, and a low maintenance Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£79,950

BROCKMOOR

Norwood Road

Favouring a position within this established address, this WELL ARRANGED, TWO BEDROOM, SEMI-DETACHED HOME should now require updating and refurbishment, and affords a layout which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND SOME DOUBLE GLAZING, to briefly comprise: hall, sitting room, kitchen, side hall with guest s cloakroom off, two first floor bedrooms and bathroom. Foregarden, enclosed rear garden with DETACHED GARAGE (approached via a leased right of way). NO UPWARD CHAIN. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£69,950

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LOWER GORNAL

Robert Street

An extremely stylish, EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home constructed to a highly individual specification and significantly improved by present vendors. Outstanding accommodation provides hall cloaks, magnificent 18'4" lounge, dining room with patio doors through to brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY (and steps down to 'cinema room'), breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'light oak' units & many integrated appliances, utility room. Gallery landing, principal bedroom with built in wardrobe, shower room en suite & further walk-in wardrobe, three additional large bedrooms (one with built in wardrobes), dormer bathroom, large garage, brick/block parking to front,landscaped rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £249,950

SEDGLEY

Caswell Road

An absolutely outstanding, exceptionally well appointed, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed, EXTENDED, detached residence in exemplary order throughout in favoured district with panoramic distant views from the front. Superb, stylish accommodation includes imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom, elegant L-shape 19ft through lounge, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, separate dining room, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of oak units & various integrated appliances. THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with professionally installed range of units), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, large garage, block paved double driveway, secluded landscaped rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

PRICE: £245,000

WOODSETTON

Neath Way

An attractive, SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated detached family home enviably situated in short/quiet cul de sac upon well regarded 'Poplars' development comprising traditional reception hall, spacious 18ft lounge, dining room with patio doors, breakfast kitchen, large utility/ laundry room; four bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom; original double garage sub-divided to create 'disable suite'with a day/bedroom and wet room en suite, secluded gardens. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £245,000, NOW £239,950

SEDGLEY

Sunningdale Road, Northway

ENVIABLY SITUATED with magnificent PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS in favoured cul de sac location, a meticulously maintained 3/4 bedroom, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home. Accommodation includes traditional reception hall, reappointed fitted cloakroom, transverse 19'1" lounge with patio doors, dining room, kitchen with a wide range of units & various integrated appliances, gallery landing, transverse 19ft principal bedroom (with potential for sub-division), two further generous bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with contemporary white style suite, substantial garage, extensive block paved driveway/parking to front, delightful landscaped expertly tended rear garden abutting onto fields. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

PRICE: £239,950

LOWER GORNAL

Ash Grove

An absolutely outstanding & particularly SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow excellently situated at head of quiet 'backwater' yet within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Significantly upgraded by present vendors in recent years, the superb, extremely flexible accommodation provides imposing 30ft. reception hall, 18ft lounge, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & a range, principal bedroom with shower room en suite, two further bedrooms (one presently utilised as a sitting room), reappointed/re-tiled shower room (former bathroom). Former 'garage' converted to a utility/workroom. Block paved foregarden, delightful secluded/landscaped rear garden with fine range of shrubs/plants, patio & decking. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £228,950

GORNAL WOOD

Musk Lane

A quaint, significantly extended/gas centrally heated & part double glazed detached family home with further potential conveniently situated within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Vendor's advise original cottage section dates back to early 19th century with subsequent inter-war & more recent extensions & the flexible accommmodation comprises through 17ft entrance vestibule/hallway, sitting room, bedroom, lounge (with winding staircase up to two further bedrooms on first floor); to remainder of ground floor is a through dining kitchen, a large bedroom (with doors out to garden & presently sub-divided to create two bedrooms) & a bathroom. Extensive parking, sheltered garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £225,000, NOW £212,000

QUARRY BANK

Patina Close

Enjoying a prime position within this select development, this MOST APPEALING AND RATHER SUBSTANTIAL, FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers a layout which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING to comprise: Hall, Guests Cloakroom, STUDY, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Four Bedrooms (Master with Ensuite) and Principal Bathroom. Fore garden, Double Width Drive to DETACHED DOUBLE GARAGE and Enclosed Rear Garden with decking. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 395555.

£204,950

DUDLEY

Breamore Crescent, 'Earls Keep'

An attractive, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed Bryant built detached upon highly favoured development. Accommodation includes uPVC double glazed entrance vestibule, inner hallway, lounge, dining room with bay, breakfast kitchen, store, utility, fitted cloakroom. Principal bedroom with 'walk through' wardrobe section & a shower room en suite, two further bedrooms, bathroom, garage, secluded/sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WS £190,000, NOW £185,000

UPPER GORNAL/SEDGLEY

Dudley Road

An EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, freehold, gas radiator centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home within reasonable walking distance of so many amenities. Providing significant potential, the accommodation includes entrance vestibule, fitted cloakroom & further cloaks cupboard, superb 25'7" through living/dining room (with possibilities of sub-division?), kitchen, pantry, lobby. FOUR BEDROOMS (three with wardrobes), bathroom, garage, level gardens. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £175,000

DUDLEY

Abbotsford Drive

A distinctive, EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS detached residence of character with TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. Designed by an architect for his own occupation in the early 1960's incorporating many period features typical of the era, the flexible accommodation provides entrance vestibule, imposing 'full height' reception hall, 20ft lounge, 20ft bedroom one (alternative reception room), breakfast kitchen, pantry, outer vestibule,spacious bathroom. Open tread staircase to landing with two further bedrooms, separate toilet. Significant loft space beyond with further potential. Large garage with automated door, extensive gardens. EPC Rating F SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £174,950

COSELEY

Mason Street

A highly individual, PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached of character (believed to be one of the oldest houses in the neighbourhood) offering tremendous further potential. Accommodation includes; imposing reception hall (18' deep), fitted cloakroom, spacious 21'6" lounge, 21' dining kitchen with uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond. FOUR BEDROOMS, separate toilet, bathroom. Potential car port space, sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £175,000, NOW £167,500

UPPER GORNAL

Jews Lane

A superior, particularly spacious and significantly ENLARGED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in convenient district with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years. Outstanding accommodation includes imposing reception hall, sitting room with bay, store, lounge, reappointed kitchen with a fine range of 'oak' units and many integrated appliances, lobby, walk-in store, 18ft dining room (potential bedroom?). Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, traditional roof space, neat gardens with decking, block paved foregarden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £157,995

WALL HEATH

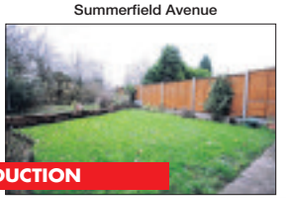
New Street

Very well placed within this mature and sought after address within the heart of Wall Heath Village, this TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers SPACIOUS & WELL PRESENTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, spacious lounge with separate dining room area off, lean-to garden room, fitted kitchen, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and spacious light bathroom. Having a pebbled DRIVEWAY to the fore and enjoying an attractively laid out rear garden with patio, lawn and ornamental fish pool. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£153,950

WALL HEATH

Summerfield Avenue



Enjoying a sought after location, this LARGER STYLE TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME requires updating/ improvement and provides much potential to enhance the VERY WELL PROPORTIONED and GENEROUS layout which includes: Reception Hall, Lounge with walk-in bay, separate Dining Room, Kitchen, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, Bathroom and part UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With FRONT DRIVEWAY, side garden and a private rear garden. EPC Rating E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£152,500

LOWER GORNAL

Robert Street

DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS! - Highly individual, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed DETACHED conveniently situated within walking distance of so many amenities. The concientiously maintained accommodation includes reception hall, 15ft lounge, 17'5" dining kitchen (presently sub-divided to form separate kitchen & dining room areas) with patio doors out to the garden, landing, three double bedrooms, bathroom. Carport, separate toilet, delightful well tended rear garden with wide range of shrubs/plants & ample parking to front. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £159,950, NOW £151,995

WOODSETTON

Parkes Hall Road

An absolutely outstanding, exceptionally stylish, Freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler), and uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been tremendously enhanced to a superb specification in recent years. The superb accommodation comprises; entrance porch, reception hall, living room with bay, transverse refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of "Shaker - cream" styled units. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white contemporary look suite with chrome accessories/shower. Off road parking to front, PROFESSIONALLY LANDSCAPED garden, and GARAGE to rear. EPC Rating D.SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £131,950

COSELEY

Clifton Street, Hurst Hill

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This beautifully presented, extended, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained/improved by the current owners and internal inspection is strongly advised to appreciate the standard of accommodtion provided. The property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, extended dining kitchen with a fine range of units, utility, CONSERVATORY, three good bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway, garage & a pleasant rear garden. . EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £133,950, NOW £129,950

COSELEY

Bridgewater Drive

This beautifully presented, modern style, extended, uPVC double glazed three bedroomed semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained by the current owners, and is situated at the head of this popular cul-de-sac. The property is well worthy of an internal inspection, and briefly comprises; living room, dining kitchen with a fine range of units, conservatory, study/playroom, guest w.c. Three bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite. Garage, double width driveway, and a low maintenance rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £119,950, NOW £118,950

WORDSLEY

Manor Road

A BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED HOME enjoying a pleasant setting within this established and sought after location, offering ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED and SPACIOUS accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, spacious attractive lounge, beautifully appointed dining kitchen with built-in appliances, TWO EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS and refitted shower room. With BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY and LARGE ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN which enjoys an OPEN REAR ASPECT. EPC Rating E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£109,950

UPPER GORNAL

The Arcade

This neatly presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, two bedroom maisonette provides; surprisingly spacious living accommodation, and is conveniently situated for local amenities. The property is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and briefly comprises; entrance hall, lounge with balcony, dining kitchen with a fine range of units, two double bedrooms, and shower room with white suite. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £77,950

DUDLEY

Attingham Drive, 'Sovereign Heights'

50% SHARE. A stylish, comparatively spacious, uPVC double glazed Top Floor Apartment with tremendous DISTANT VIEWS upon well established development representing an ideal opportunity for first time buyers where the present vendors 50% share is available for sale. There is an "entry phone" style security system to communal areas, and the apartment comprises; central reception hall, open plan living room/kitchen with fine range of "birch" effect units, various integrated appliances & a balcony. TWO BEDROOMS (bedroom one with fitted wardrobes and a balcony), bathroom with a white suite. Communal grounds, allocated parking.EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £48,450, NOW £47,950 for vendors 50% share

DUDLEY

Attingham Drive, 'Sovereign Heights'

NO UPWARD CHAIN.
50% SHARE. A comparatively SPACIOUS, Upvc double glazed Ground Floor Apartment having a slightly larger design than others on the development, and representing an ideal opportunity for first time buyers where the present owners 50% share is available for sale. "Entry phone" style security system to entrance lobby (front & rear) with the apartment comprising; central reception hall, 18 ft through living room with patio doors, and a well equipped kitchen section having a range of stylish "maple" effect units & various integrated appliances, TWO BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with built in double wardrobe and a shower room en suite), bathroom with a white suite. Communal grounds, allocated parking. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £47,500 for vendors 50% share

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Alpine Drive Netherton £229,950

In a popular cul-de-sac and overlooking Netherton Reservoir this three bedroom detached bungalow with garage must be viewed to appreciate the accommodation on offer.

Barnesmeadow Place Coseley 209,950

An immaculate four bedroom detached property set in cul-de-sac location benefits from two reception rooms, en-suite to master bedroom, No Upward Chain. Energy rating C.

Northway Sedgley 159,950

A well presented and recently refurbished four bedroom dormer bungalow set on the popular Northway estate. viwing recommended. Energy rating D.

Halesowen Road Netherton 159,950

A five bedroom traditional semi detached property offers spacious accommodation two reception rooms, cellar, No upward chain . Energy rating E.

Bridgewater Drive Coseley 149,950

A modern detached property briefly comprises four bedroom, master bedroom with en-suite, conservatory, garage, No upward chain. Energy rating D.

Dibdale Street Dudley 146,950

Viewing is a must on this refurbished throughout bungalow set on a corner plot, refitted kitchen, lounge, two bedrooms, refitted bathroom, driveway & garage, Energy rating D.

St Peters Road Netherton £142,500

A four bedroom semi detached benefits two reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom, garage, garden to the rear, No upward chain .Energy rating D.

Furlongs Road Sedgley £139,950

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Ivyhouse Lane Coseley £129,950

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Turners Hill Road Lower Gornal 106,950

A three bedroom semi detached property comprises through lounge, dining kitchen, bathroom, w.c.three bedrooms, workshop, Energry rating D.

Greenway Sedgley 104,950

A well maintained terrace property with two reception rooms and three bedrooms, it must be viewed to appreciate the standard of accommodation, Energy rating E.

Wolverton Road Dudley £89,950

With views overlooking Dudley Castle this three bedroom property comprises entrance hallway, lounge, downstairs w.c., kitchen, bathroom,vehicle access to rear. energy rating D.

Fairway Avenue Tividale 82,950

A semi detached with no upward chain in need of some refurbishment comprises porch, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, garden to the rear.Energy rating TBC.

Grosvenor Road Lower Gornal £75,000

A refurbished throughout first floor one bedroom flat comprising lounge, bedroom and bathroom. viewing recommended , No upward chain. Energy Rating TBC

Brettell Street £54,950

A two bedroom mid terrace property briefly comprising two reception room, kitchen, first floor having two bedrooms and bathroom. No Upward Chain.

Oakthorpe Gardens Tividale 51,850

Located in a cul-de-sac this two bedroom flat is an ideal project for first time buyers or investor or somebody downsizing. Viewing Highly Recommended. Energy Rating TBC.

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PEDMORE

LANSDOWNE CRT, HAGLEY ROAD

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Ground Floor Apartment, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished, Communal Gardens, Off Road Parking.

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£495 pcm

Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, WC, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Garage, Off Road Parking

COSELEY

SALCOMBE GROVE

£545 pcm

Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens

NETHERTON

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£375 pcm

Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Cellar, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing

TIVIDALE

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STOURBRIDGE ROAD

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QUEEN STREET

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NEW

BRIERLEY HILL

CARDER DRIVE

Very pleasantly situated in this popular Cul-de-sac, this delightfully presented Modern 3 Bed Detached provides spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accomodation ideal for the young family and briefly comprises :- Hall , Downs W.C , spacious' L ' shaped Lounge with Dining Area, SUPERB REFITTED KITCHEN with built oven and hob, 3 good Bedrooms (MASTER WITH SHOWER EN SUITE OFF) fitted house Bathroom, integral Garage, pleasant lawned Rear Gardens with private outlook and Driveway for 2/3 cars to the front. EPC=D

Offers around £159,950

NEW

PENSNETT

DERWENT CLOSE

Pleasantly situated in this ever popular address, this spacious 2 Bedroomed Semi-Detached provides GAS CENTRALLY HEATED accomodation with Upvc replacement windows and represents an excellent opportunity for the young family or First Time Buyer. Briefly comprises: Hall, spacious through Lounge with Dining Area, fitted Kitchen, 2 generous Bedrooms, Shower Room, separate W.C, side Garage, pleasant enclosed rear Garden and long foregarden with driveway for 4/5 cars. EPC=D

Offers around £104,950

NEW

AMBLECOTE

KING WILLIAM STREET

Pleasantly situated in this popular, long established address, this 2 Bedroomed Victorian End Terraced provides deceptively spacious UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accomodation with Night Storage heating and represents a splendid opportunity for the First Time buyer or young family. Briefly comprises :- Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Useful Cellar, Fitted Kitchen, Fitted Bathroom with Shower, 2 good Bedrooms and pleasant Rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect.EPC=G

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NEW

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BELL STREET

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REDUCED

KINGSWINFORD

STANDHILLS ROAD

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DINGLE CLOSE

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REDUCED

KINGSWINFORD

ROWAN RISE

This superbly presented, recently refurbished 2 Bedroomed Semi-Detached provides deceptively spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom pleasantly situated in this popular and very convenient address and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Attractive Lounge, SUPERB SPACIOUS REFITTED DINING KITCHEN WITH BUILT-IN OVEN AND HOB, 2 Good Bedrooms, Superb Refitted Bathroom with Shower, Pleasant Good Sized Lawned Rear Gardens, Useful Outbuildings and Driveway to the front.EPC=D

Offers around £124,950

WORDSLEY

FIELD CLOSE

An attractively presented, BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED AND VERY STYLISHLY APPOINTED 3 Bed Semi-Detached providing spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accomodation ideal for the discerning young family and is pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient cul-de-sac. Hall, stylish Lounge, superb LARGE REFITTED KITCHEN with integrated dishwasher and fridge/freezer and adjoining Dining Area, 3 excellent Bedrooms, sumptuous REFITTED BATHROOM with shower, lawned rear Gardens and front Garden with Driveway.EPC=C

Offers around £124,950

REDUCED

BROCKMOOR

FOXFOOT DRIVE

This superbly presented Modern 2 Bed Semi is very pleasantly situated off a private driveway leading from this popular cul-de-sac and represents a splendid opportunity for the discerning First Time Buyer or young family. With GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND STYLISH UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING the deceptively spacious accomodation includes: Porch/Hall, spacious Lounge, SUPERB REFITTED KITCHEN with built-in oven and hob, 2 generous Bedrooms, SUMPTUOUS RE-APPOINTED SHOWER ROOM, pleasant landscaped rear Gardens , block paved driveway and additional parking space in small bay opposite.EPC=D

Offers around £116,500

REDUCED

PENSNETT

BLEWITT STREET

Enjoying superb views over Grove Pool to the rear, this delightfully presented, much improved 3 Bed Semi-Detached provides spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accom ideal for the discerning young family or First Time Buyer and must definitely be seen. Briefly comprises :- Hall, Downstairs W/C , Spacious 'L' shaped Lounge with separate Dining area, ATTRACTIVELY FITTED KITCHEN WITH BUILT IN WASHING MACHINE AND FRIDGE, 3 good Bedrooms, attractively fitted Bathroom with shower, pleasant level rear Gardens with splendid views and Driveway for 2 cars. EPC=D

Offers around £99,995

BROCKMOOR

BRIARS CLOSE

This attractively presented Modern 2 Bedroomed Intermediate Townhouse provides deceptively spacious DOUBLE GLAZED accomodation ideal for the First Time buyer,young couple or retired and is pleasantly situated in this more secluded development close to local amenities. Briefly comprises :- Porch/Hall, stylish Lounge, SUPERB REFITTED DINING KITCHEN, Sun Room/Conservatory, 2 well proportioned Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom with shower, enclosed low maintainence rear Garden and car parking space. EPC=E

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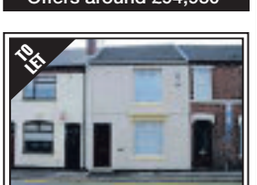

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Motoring

The Renault TwinRun looks stunning but the French car firm says sadly it will remain as just a concept

Renault unveils a stunner, but it's only a concept car

RENAULT has stunned the industry with a 316bhp V6-engined city car concept.

The Twin'Run concept, which wears a special one-off glass-polyester composite Twingo-esque bodyshell over a tubular steel racing chassis, is powered by a mid-rear-mounted 3.5-litre V6 taken from a Megane Trophy racing car.

The car led a three-car procession around the Monaco Grand Prix circuit, heading a Clio V6 driven by French Formula 1 driver Charles Pic, and a classic Maxi 5 Turbo driven by former rally champion Jean Ragnotti.

Thanks to a six-speed sequential gearbox, a weight of just 950kg and a phenomenal power-to-weight ratio of 333bhp per tonne, the rear-wheel drive Twin'Run sprints from 0-62mph in 4.5 seconds and is limited to a 155mph top speed.

The Twin'Run doesn't just have huge power and performance.

"A limited-slip differential ensures maximum traction when exiting corners, while a 57 per cent rearward weight balance is typical of mid-engined cars and should help guarantee driveability.

Ragnotti was involved in the final tuning of the chassis system of theTwin'Run.He shared his impressions while taking a look back at the R5.

"Following this first drive, I'd say that this is a sound car with a strong pedigree. It's easy to control.

"You can feel straight away that it's a sports car. In terms of balance and ride, it brings the R5 Turbo to mind to some extent," he says.

Despite vocal approval from fans of the Clio V6, Renault will not build a production version of the Twin'Run. Instead, the company says the concept's true purpose is to hint at the styling of its replacement for the Twingo.

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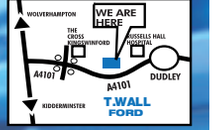

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Lamborghinis are the superstars of this Italian party

Crowds applaud at the final leg of the Grande Giro Lamborghini 50th Anniversary tour in Bologna

By Matt Kimberley

AN average British tourist wandering through Bologna last month might have wondered what all the fuss – and noise – was about.

If they'd have timed it just right, say about 3pm, they'd have witnessed dozens of Lamborghinis tearing through the city streets under police escort, with thousands of Lamborghini fans standing street-side with flags, banners and cameras.

This was the scene as the final leg of the Grande Giro Lamborghini 50th Anniversary tour got under way. And our average British tourist probably wouldn't have been interested past the novelty of seeing so many loud, (occasionally) obnoxious sports cars in one place.

And yet, as I observed from the driver's seat of a Gallardo Spyder LP 570-4 Performante, the Italians were going crazy for the show being staged for them.

There was a depth of passion and joy that you just wouldn't see in the UK. Frankly, it was brilliant.

Flags

As part of a convoy, I snaked my way out of the city and across an expanse of countryside, guiding the Performante through a few overtakes as the angry bark of the V10 behind me left car after car in its wake.

One thing was constant though, and that was the crowd.

Fans were everywhere, tripods at the ready, arms waving and grins spreading wide as the other drivers and I tore past.

I don't know of any British event quite like the Grande Giro. Of all the enthusiasts at a UK car show, how many would bother to stand out on the street waving flags and taking pictures if a few dozen Aston Martins were to go past?

How many would even know it was an Aston Martin anniversary in the first place? Precious few, no doubt.

There is, and has been for some time in Britain, an air of distaste around supercars and it's totally unfair.

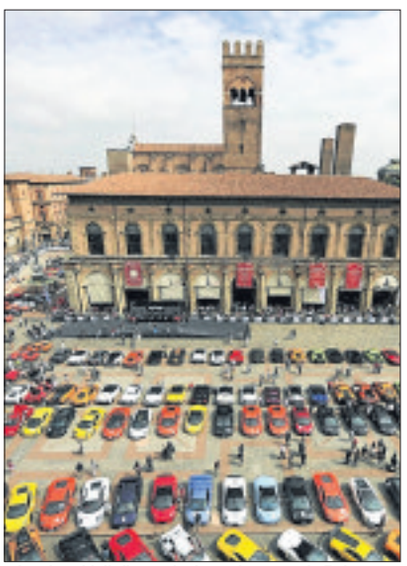
I was recently driving a Ferrari 458 Spider just outside Bristol, minding my own business, overtaking an old Nissan Primera, when the bearded man inside made an offensive hand gesture out of his window, for no reason whatsoever.

I wasn't speeding, tailgating or anything else that might have provoked such a reaction.

In Italy, drive an Italian supercar and people actively let you into gaps. People honk their horns in praise and flash the thumbs-up.

The rumour mill says that even the police treat you with more restraint if you're in something like a Lamborghini.

You wouldn't play a fine piano concerto in a monkey enclosure at the zoo because they wouldn't appreciate it. For bellowing out the Lamborghini symphony, there's simply nowhere better than Italy.



Lamborghini's line up in the main square in Bologna, Italy as part of their 50th anniversary tour

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Motoring

Lunar's camper car is a new concept

The Lunar Vacanza camper car is the first of its kind on the UK market

The environmentally-friendly Vacanza is based on the Nissan NV200 Combi

LUNAR has announced its return to the motorhome market by launching a whole new vehicle concept.

The all-new and exciting Lunar Vacanza camper car is the first of its kind on the UK market and combines the dual benefits of a roomy, four-person camper with an efficient, easy to manoeuvre, everyday family car – the ideal solution for those who want the best of both.

No larger than most family cars – at 4.4m long and 2.011m wide (with mirrors) – the new Lunar Vacanza has a similar footprint to a VW Beetle and can be easily garaged.

Built to the high standards of quality, luxury and safety one would expect from Lunar, the Vacanza has European Whole Vehicle Type Approval, has been fully crash tested, includes four belted seats and offers luxuries such as a reversing camera and air conditioning, making it a pleasure to drive.

Based on the award-winning Nissan NV200 Combi, the Vacanza offers a host of features that will appeal similarly to both a young family and the seasoned camper van enthusiast. With class leading 135g/km CO_2 emissions and 50-plus MPG, the Vacanza is one of the most economical and environmentally-friendly vehicles in the marketplace and road tax is just £120 a year.

The Vacanza offers supreme versatility. In the city, it's easy to park and provides plenty of room for shopping. Drive it to the countryside and the Vacanza affords comfortable living space suitable for a family thanks to the exclusive rotating front seats and well equipped kitchen with grill, fridge and three-burner hob.

Family

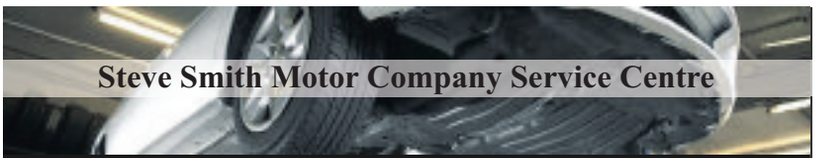
To ensure a comfortable night's sleep for both adults and children, there is also an innovative, easy to store, double bed system plus fold-out beds inside the roof.

A bespoke tailgate awning will shortly be available that allows the Vacanza to dock at a site. This means that kit can be unloaded at the pitch, and frees up the Vacanza for everyday travel to and from the site.

Brian Mellor, chairman and CEO of Lunar, said: "It has been four years since we last launched a new model into the motorhome market and we are very excited to be returning with our brand new Vacanza camper car – a concept designed in response to the growing trend and a move towards more economical and smaller leisure vehicles.

"The Vacanza is not just a new vehicle; it is a whole new category. Our new model encompasses all the qualities you would expect from a Lunar product and has been designed as a multi-purpose leisure vehicle which is compact, economical and fuel efficient so can genuinely be used as both an everyday car as well as a holiday getaway.

"We are extremely excited about launching this product into a segment of the motorhome market that is continuing to grow significantly. Complementing our existing caravan range, we are confident we have a unique proposition and that the Vacanza represents a great opportunity for 2013," Brian added.



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Under the watchful eye of denturist Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng), founder of the Denture Clinic, based in North Street, hi-spec prescriptions are helping turn back the hands of time.

Recently, the practice has undergone a major refurbishment, with three disciples – general dentistry (North Street Dental), implantology (Total Implant Solutions) and the prescribing and manufacturing of dentures (Denture Clinic) all under one roof.

Key to a £1m investment are two new ground-floor surgeries, an level main entrance at the rear, disabled-friendly facilities and a large car park with a drop-off point right outside the reception area. A champion for those who wear dentures, Steven has spent more than ten years campaigning to "break the taboo over false teeth."

He is evangelical about what new generation dentures can achieve.

"Dentures have traditionally never been associated with cosmetic makeovers, but our high-quality prosthetics have quite literally taken years off some of our patients," he said.

"People have come to us with ill-fitting dentures, sunken cheeks and pinched lips and we have been privileged to transform their looks. Can dentures be glamorous? Emphatically, yes.

"We are on the cusp of development, so that those who entrust their smile to us can be sure they will be advised on best options."

Steven's work has attracted people from all walks of life, including a former SAS mountain warfare specialist, an airline pilot, a multi-millionaire with his own jet, health professionals and "ordinary salt-of-the-earth people from the Black Country." The clinic's prosthetics, hand-crafted at laboratories at the Dudley and Wolverhampton practices, have also found satisfied patients from as far away as Spain and Portugal. And the secret of his success? A seamless service to clients, where clinical assessment and the crafting of prescriptions are all in-house.

"It's a simple formula," said Steven, "but it has allowed me to be fastidious about the quality and we will never compromise on best clinical outcomes."

He admitted that denture wearers are one of the most challenging groups to treat successfully.

"I believe many of them have had a bad deal for years, but we are in the vanguard of changing outcomes and hopefully changing some lives for the better too," said Steven.

Steven draws on more than 30 years' experience in all disciplines of dental technology to produce his hallmark "functional, natural-looking teeth."

Having completed his training as a dental technician and started his own laboratory, Steven enrolled on a three-and-a-half year CDT training course with the George Brown College in Toronto, Canada, to enable him to work in his dental discipline independently of a dentist.

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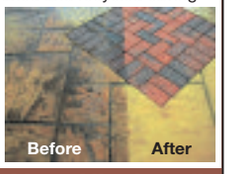

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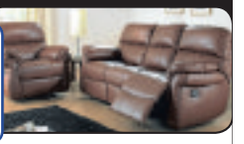

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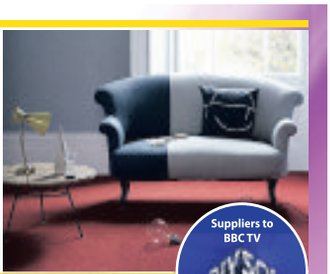

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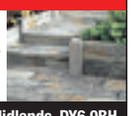

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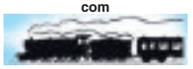

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Sunny for Beacon with tons of runs

Tales from The Bratch

THE Beacon batsmen made hay in the sunshine on a successful weekend for the club, ***writes Nick Elwell.***

Christopher Townsend and South African James Baikoff led the way as the firsts took the lion's share of the spoils with a winning draw against Cannock & Rugeley.

Townsend, promoted to opener, registered his maiden century (121) while overseas import Baikoff scored his first ton (105) for the club as Beacon piled up 263-4 declared in 45 overs.

Beacon's victory bid was thwarted by some stubborn C&R batting and a pitch offering no assistance to the bowlers with the visitors finishing on 148-8.

Ollie Green took 3-18 while there were two wickets apiece for Matty Briggs and James Fildes.

Beacon's second team eased to a resounding 130-run victory at C&R. Jake Cartwright top- scored with 68, with solid support from Billy Cox (42), Ed Steventon (32) and Zac Smith (25), as Beacon made 223-6.

Pick

The hosts were then undone by a mixture of youth and experience as 14-year-old off-spinner Smith took 4-18 and club stalwart Steve Shettlewood claimed 3-2 off seven overs.

Smith's under-14 Worcestershire team-mate Cox bagged 2-0 to finish off the C&R innings.

Shaun Imran Laban was another century maker as he led the thirds to a three-wicket win against Aldridge.

Laban ended unbeaten on 108 as Beacon overhauled Aldridge's 179.

Alan Green (5-54) and Ant Hartwell (3-42) were the pick of the Beacon attack with 13-year-old Callum Westwood picking up 2-11.

The runs were flowing on Sunday as Beacon's first team cruised to victory at Stourbridge Social in the Worcestershire League.

Tom Elwell set the tempo at the top of the innings with 121, including 10 sixes, while skipper Roger Fildes struck 87 as Beacon plundered 300-6 from 40 overs.

In reply, Stourbridge were dismissed for 127.

Ant Hartwell bagged 4-13 with his son, Mike, and Steventon claiming two victims each.

League secretary Rob Carey, centre, with doubles winners Phil, left, and Pete Tolley

Presentation night as league celebrates first season success

Darts

SEDGLEY and Gornal Darts League have celebrated their first season of competition with a presentation night.

The league was formed in October 2012 and the presentation night at The British Legion in Lower Gornal also featured the knockout finals.

Prizes were presented by league secretary Rob Carey, who is already planning for the second year of competition.

"We started the league within two weeks, thanks to the hard work and enthusiasm of all the teams," he said.

"We hope to attract more teams for the coming season, which will start in mid-September. If anyone is interested, please contact me at The Jolly Crispin on 01902 672220.

"We will make sure you are welcomed."

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Highest finish: Anthony Rice, British Legion (157)

Most wins: Mark Doherty, Old Mill (20 out of 24.)

Late resistance is not enough to stop defeat

HIMLEY suffered a narrow defeat against Walsall in the Birmingham and District Premier Division.

They managed to bowl out the visitors for 187, despite an unbeaten 55 from Paul Wicker.

Five of the six Himley bowlers used took at least one wicket, with Ashfak Hussain's 3-40 leading the way. But in reply, although three top-order batsmen made a start, none could push on and support the 45 made by Jamie Harris.

Cricket

Late-order resistance from Hussain (18) and Ryan Brown (15) was not enough and Himley fell 17 runs short, dismissed for 170.

Kidderminster Victoria kept up their early season form by brushing aside Barnt Green by seven wickets.

The visitors were dismissed for 189 on Saturday, with Jon Wright taking 4-10, before Worcestershire's Matt Pardoe hit 88 as Kidderminster made 190-3.

Wolverhampton drew with Berkswell as Tom Fell's 117 guided Wolves to 224-5 before Andy Bowyer took 7-50 as Berkswell were restricted to 180-9.

West Bromwich Dartmouth claimed a losing draw at pacesetters Brockhampton.

Ben Stebbings (61) and former Dartmouth all-rounder Chris Boroughs (42) saw the Herefordshire side to 225-8 while skipper Kadeer Ali led the Dartmouth reply with 65 as they reached 173-9.

Wombourne lost by 19 runs to Knowle and Dorridge in a dramatic last-ball defeat. Stephen Howard was dismissed on the final ball as Wombourne chased 206 and they were all out, despite Mark Fisher's 72, for 187.

In Division One, **Smethwick** drew with Moseley after they hit 224-8 in response to Moseley's 260-8. Naqaash Tahir top scored with 71.

Old Hill demolished Ombersley by 114 runs after they hit 245-7 thanks to Nitesh Patel's 83. Ombersley were reduced to 8-4 but battled to 131. Nigel Davenport took 4-20.

Brewood beat leaders Dorridge by 35 runs despite only making 149-9. Dorridge were dismissed for 114.

Matt Bradley's 52 helped **Stourbridge** to 217 all out against Attock in Division Two, before they dismissed them for 204.

Halesowen lost to Eastnor by 78 runs after crashing to 105 all out in response to Eastnor's 183.

Fordhouses folded to 134 all out chasing Whitchurch's mammoth 273-2 despite an unbeaten 33 from Josh Giddins.

Cup-winning Eagles take it easy with success

KEWFORD EAGLES are flying high again – with the under-nine boys football team scoring a triumph on the hallowed turf of Molineux.

Youngsters from the Wall Heath-based side carried off the Wolves Community Cup, playing six games and conceding just two goals throughout the seven-a-side tournament.

They beat Old Wulfrunians 2-0 in the final, with goals from Jack Betts and Cameron McEvoy.

Club spokeswoman Sarah Hay said: "The team were unbeaten in the tournament and won the under-nine Wolves Community Cup to add to their collection.

"Another superb achievement for the team."

They have now added the title to their recent success as champions of the Stourbridge Youth League Cup, when they had a thriller in the final against Stourbridge Glassboys before winning 3-1 on penalties at the Dell Stadium, Pensnett.

The players successful from the spot were Cameron McEvoy, Nathan Appleton and Elliot Small.

During that cup run, the Kewford Eagles boys scored 29 goals, with goalkeeper Alex Hay conceding only three.

Kewford Eagles under-nines, winners of the Wolves Community Cup. Front, left, Scott Bailey, Cameron McEvoy, Owen Moreton, Nathan Appleton and Jack Betts. Middle, Nathan Horton, Alex Hay, Jack Marks, Elliot Small and Eashan Brackenridge. At the back are manager Steve Small and coach Jay Moreton.

The club are also celebrating the under-11 girls' winning streak .

They scored 92 goals and conceded just four in the Stourbridge and District League, also winning the League Cup.

And that was despite six of the 10 girls in the seven-a-side squad not having played football before the start of the season.

The club, with 550 players aged from six to seniors, including more than 50 girls and 50 disabled players, are now well on with the development of a £1.2m new base.

The 30-acre site, near Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club, Wall Heath, should be ready to move into in September 2014.

Players must win back fans – Jackett

NEW Wolves head coach Kenny Jackett insists Wolves' players must mend the rift with fans for the club to move forwards.

Jackett admits there is a problem between members of the squad and the Molineux masses after the anger, embarrassment and frustration of successive relegations and huge underachievement by the players.

Some of the big-name, high earners such as Roger Johnson and Jamie O'Hara have become symbols of the club's decline.

Wolves seem certain to cut their losses on the two big-money signings and also others such as Kevin Doyle.

Jackett conceded there was plenty of work to be done to heal the wounds and become a united club again.

"There is definitely a distance between the players and the fans," he said.

"That's the key to a successful club and that has to be there.

"There is no doubt that adjustments need to be made because that link isn't there between the supporters and the players.

"We need to get that link back. It's key at any club and if you get it right, one can bounce off the other and it can drive you on to successful times.

Good

"When it becomes a negative, the pressure builds up and it becomes very difficult to become successful so that link is an important one."

Jackett stressed the bridge-building must come from the players.

"It is always player-led – players have to take the responsibility to put on a good performance and get good results.

"Then supporters will follow and give the encouragement they need to be consistently be successful," he said.

"It's like walking a tightrope but it has to be player-led.

"If it is and the players take responsibility by not leaving anything out there on the pitch, supporters will follow.

"If you can do that, you can get one bouncing off the other and particularly at a club of this size, you'd be surprised at what you can achieve."

Jackett hasn't ruled out some players changing his mind about them, however.

"In terms of each individual, sometimes things can surprise you," he added.

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Louis Hinton at Wembley

Wembley walk-on for Louis

LUCKY Louis Hinton walked out at Wembley Stadium with the England football team when they faced the Republic of Ireland.

The nine-year-old from Rowley Regis was a McDonald's player escort and strode on to the turf with Phil Jagielka before the game last Wednesday.

The teams drew 1-1, Frank Lampard equalising after Albion's Shane Long headed the visitors in front.

Hinton, who won his place after entering a national competition via the McDonald's Kickstart website, said "I couldn't wait to walk out onto the pitch with the England players.

"It was brilliant to be at Wembley and to see England play live!"

Sir Geoff Hurst, McDonald's director of football said: "It is a great experience to walk out on the pitch at Wembley Stadium – it's something that these young player escorts will never forget."

Evans breaks into contest

DUDLEY'S Reanne Evans has become the first woman to qualify for the final stages of one of snooker's ranking tournaments.

The nine-times world ladies champion beat Thailand's Thepchaiya Un-Nooh in Gloucester to book her place in the Wuxi Classic in China from June 17-23.

She came from 3-0 down to defeat Un-Nooh 5-4, with a highest break of 52.

But waiting for her in the first round is 2010 world champion Neil Robertson – and the Australian slotted a 147 maximum in winning his qualifier 5-0 against Egypt's Mohamed Khairy.

The 27-year-old collected just £400 for winning the ladies' world title last month, but will bag a minimum of £3,000 for appearing in round one in China.

Pledge to find future British stars

Speedway

FORMER world speedway champion Jan O Pedersen has pledged to find British riders for the future – and the 1991 kingpin is ready to launch the British Speedway Academy.

It is a major initiative for the former Cradley Heath rider who still lives in the Black Country and was coach at National League Dudley last season.

The scheme, which is being run in line with the government's action sports Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence initiative, will be officially launched in the autumn.

Pedersen has been in successful talks with the Motor Sport Association (MSA) to secure the necessary funding and plans to have a pilot scheme up and running in September.

The move is a major breakthrough in a bid to find new homegrown talent.

Under the terms of the scheme it will be open to anyone between the ages of 16 and 18.

Both the Speedway Control Bureau and the British Speedway Promoters' Association have given the project their official approval.

Fans and sponsors can get involved with full details on the academic and practical courses plus the supporters' membership scheme at www.speedwayacademy.co.uk

Pedersen said: "As a Dane, I am obviously aware of how successful my nation has been in producing riders through youth training and taking them to world individual titles and World Team Cup victories.

"British speedway has needed a comparative structure for decades and I am pleased to play my part.

"I must stress that the scheme is not only open to riders in the sport's under- 16 championship, but riders from other motorcycle disciplines such as motocross and road racing."

Jan O Pedersen with a race jacket from his first year in Britain at the Cradley Heathens

I HAVE TO WIN OVER SUPPORTERS – BOSS

NEW Wolves head coach Kenny Jackett stepped into the job and immediately vowed to win over the fans.

The 51-year-old was unveiled at Compton as the club's first head coach on a 12-month rolling contract to succeed the sacked Dean Saunders.

Jackett gained just five per cent of 9,000 votes cast in a poll conducted by the *Chronicle's* sister paper, the *Express & Star,* which was topped by Owen Coyle on 45 per cent.

by Tim Nash

The former Swansea and Millwall boss, who has no immediate plans to bring in any backroom staff, accepts he has a battle to win over the Molineux masses after emerging top of a pile of 75 applicants for the job.

"Yes, but it's a challenge I embrace," said Jackett.

"I recognise I do have a battle to win over the fans and that starts from today. It's something I will be working hard on.

"It's the players' responsibility to put on a good performance and they lead the crowd.

Structure

"The crowd will respond to what they see on the pitch."

Wolves' dismal record of back-to-back relegations and four managers in 15 months has seen no shortage of anger, embarrassment and frustration among the fanbase.

After being a boss for virtually all of his managerial career, apart from a three-year spell as Ian Holloway's assistant at QPR, Jackett insists he is comfortable with the structure which sees him as the club's first head coach.

Speculation suggested there were a few snags as both parties worked out the new structure.

But the former Wales international said he is completely at ease with the fresh managerial team which sees him answerable to head of football development and recruitment Kevin Thelwell.

"There is a structure in place that I think can help me and help us be successful," said Jackett.

"Having the likes of Kevin Thelwell and a good staff here makes the job of head coach easier because you can get straight on with the important things.

"We are looking at a Category One club at youth level so it's all about distributing the jobs now and making sure all of that leads to first-team success. That's part of my job."

Jackett confirmed he has not yet appointed any backroom staff.

Wolves currently have development coach Steve Weaver, goalkeeping chief Pat Mountain and fitness guru Tony Daley already in-situ.

They also have a head of football recruitment in Stuart Webber and a scouting network, all answerable to Thelwell.

"There are a lot of staff here and it's a very big club," added Jackett. "I will make my recommendations.

"But, at first, I'll be coming in on my own."

Wolves' new head coach Kenny Jackett is unveiled at the club's training ground in Compton, Wolverhampton

Heathens at last get all riders together

TEAM BOSS Will Pottinger is relishing the prospect of finally having a full side at his disposal when Dudley face National League rivals Coventry at Monmore Green on Tuesday (7.30pm).

Heathens have been without Paul Starke, Lewis Blackbird and skipper Ashley Morris at various times due to a clash of fixtures – but they are all available to face a revamped Storm side.

Pottinger says Coventry will provide tough opposition after making some good signings in the last month.

"It's nice to have all the lads back available, that's a good thing for us," he said.

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"And we need them because Coventry are a good team now and have strengthened significantly since we beat them in the Travel Plus Trophy.

"They have made some fine signings in Rob Branford, who won the British Under-21 title on our track, and Luke Crang is getting rave reviews from the experts.

"I firmly believe Coventry will come to us expecting to push us all the way. I believe it has all the makings of a cracking night of speedway."

Meanwhile Heathens have added two more dates at Premier League opposition to their busy June schedule.

They will visit Berwick on Saturday, June 15, before heading to Owlerton on Thursday, June 27 in a re-arrangement of their clash with Sheffield which was washed out in May.

After a successful trip to Redcar last week, chairman Nigel Pearson was delighted to confirm the two fixtures.

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